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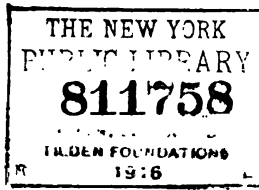
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WHAT ALUMNI OWE TO THEIR ALMA MATER.

THE subject is a timely,—an important one. Swayed by the enthusiasm, the peculiar power of graduation day, the newly fledged alumnus finds no room in his thoughts for a doubt as to his continued interest in his college, and his active loyalty to the institution that has sheltered him, and, it may be, has tolerated him, for four years, more or less. The near approach of his college days, their associations and experiences, in which there is almost invariably a preponderance of the pleasant and delightful, the well known haunts of campus and town,—these, and many other things, are as so many links in a chain, that seems to our earnest young friend, must forever be intact. The strength of that chain is too often a myth. In the case of many alumni (sad to relate), there is a sudden and unaccountable diminution of interest in alma mater and its work. There is a speedy elimination of these from the thought. There is, moreover, never a revival of this interest—never a resurrection of the zealous concern that is buried deeper and deeper, year by year, beneath the rapid accumulation above its quiet grave of affairs and objects more engrossing, or that are claimed to be, and are wrongly considered to be, more engrossing. The rattle and roar of the vestibule train that carried our young alumnus so rapidly away from college days, and work and scenes,—it may have been, also, from some sighing Jemima Jane of the college town, have dulled and silenced forever the suggestions of help for the institution,—suggestions arising from well known needs,—suggestions, that, worked out to legitimate ends, would have been effectual, in some measure at least, to the discharging of clearly defined obligations. For, when the question of what alumni owe their alma mater is broached, there is no possible doubt as to the existence of obligation. Does the boy owe nothing to the parental watchfulness that has guided and protected and directed his young life in its formative period? Fully as pressing a debt rests upon the college graduate, from the fact of his continuing for a longer or shorter time within the circle of inspiration of college or university,—from the fact of the impetus he

has received towards a widened knowledge, and to a broadened and strengthened equipment for life's duties and pleasures—from the fact of his acceptance of the diploma of his institution. College days do not end all. The intellectual and moral life should have had but a propulsive force applied there. The interest in, love and work for the college, should have had but a beginning in the college days, that shall issue in consecrated, noble, even if unseen and unheard of help to alma mater.

The sense of obligation should be an active, impressive, perpetual sense. Alumni are exponents of the teaching of their college. They represent, more or less truthfully, the influences and principles that were at work upon them in the undergraduate days. On the alumni, and in their keeping, rests the honor of the institution. Its reputation glows brilliantly, or is dimmed and obscured, as they succeed or fail. For them has been put forth the best effort of the institution, in order to the furnishing of themselves with means to do and dare in life's devious ways. A college or university, rightly conducted and properly equipped, is an almost invincible barrier, in its alumni, to the unholy, impure and debased forms of vice and ignorance, of every conceivable shape. Its graduates, having drunk at its fountain of wisdom, have become bound to it by the imparting to them of its very life principle. They are one with it. Therefore, every means of a suitable kind, that loyalty to the college, pride in its past record and in its present condition, concern for its future advancement and elevation to a plane of the highest possible usefulness, proper appreciation of its needs, and a desire to meet them,—every means that these and kindred considerations may prompt, ought to be the aim and object of the alumni of every school.

That this is a timely topic is proven by the rapidly extending attention given to it by the alumni, showing itself, for example, in the influence exerted on the part of various alumni associations in the choice of suitable representatives on our college and university executive boards. Alumni, who have received their first impulses toward the best form of useful manhood from their college, are the very agencies required in the further developing of their alma mater for far better work in this same direction, in the future. These owe their college the full dedication to it of those sharp, common sense business traits, needed in its successful administration. They owe it the ready assistance of the trained legal acumen, whose first struggles into existence were felt upon the floor of the college literary society. These owe it the expression of the trustful, hopeful, courageous faith that can venture all things, in anticipation of an abundant recompense for persistent performance and prayer.

What if the college is unknown, obscure, hidden in the shadow of the better equipped and more widely famed university? Let not the

shame of face be because of this, but rather because of a realization of a non-payment of righteous obligation. There is no credit accruing to the alumnus who shirks the glad, eager, and, it may be, self-sacrificing satisfying of what he owes his alma mater.

Sigma Chi alumni have an added duty, because of fraternity privileges. The social, fraternal features and influences of our society have no small part in the development of student character. Pride in the success of the college, loyalty to its interests, are increased and made to bear good fruit by a careful supervision of prospective fraternal material. The safeguards that are thrown around a properly conducted fraternity association, are mighty factors in the problem of future individual usefulness. Does not the alumnus owe it to his alma mater to see to it that the strength and influence of his society's chapter be pure, deep and lasting?

It seems that these are considerations worthy of attention. They are practical in their bearing. To express, definitely, the individual character of this obligation of the alumni, is not an easy task perhaps. Certainly there is no lack of opportunity for the immediate use of whatever means may be possible. The opening of the fall term of '89, has seen an increase in the number of new men seeking that culture and refinement that mark our American colleges. This increase means not only a demand for wider resources and greater efficiency in the teaching force of our schools, but it means, it appears, an increased awakening of the alumni towards a recognition of the debt they owe their alma mater, and a hastening to pay the debt. Truly, loyalty to one's college, a something stronger than the *esprit de corps* of college days,—a finer, nobler, more enduring emotion,—is still an active principle among college alumni, and to touch that, to guide it into telling action, means results whose widening circles of influence never cease.

CHARLES R. TROWBRIDGE,
Theta, '82.

WORKING AT THE OLD IDEALS.

"We want no new style of architecture. Who wants a new style of painting or sculpture? But we want *some* style." These crisp, decisive sentences could have come but from one *currens calamus*. Of course they are Ruskin's. See the Seven Lamps of Architecture; the Lamp of of Obedience.

We may well thank him for his words, and as the old catechism says, "lay them up in our hearts and practice them in our lives." He is writing about originality in architecture, and is lodging a counter-plea against those who are ever clamoring for new things, especially for what they glibly but ignorantly term "original" things. "There seems to me to be a wonderful misunderstanding among the majority of architects at the present day as to the very nature and meaning of originality, and of all wherein it consists. Originality in expression does not depend on the mention of new words; nor originality in poetry an invention of new measures; nor, in painting, an invention of new colors, or new modes of using them. The chords of music, the harmonies of color, the general principles of the arrangement of sculptural masses, have been determined long ago, and, in all probability, cannot be added to any more than they can be altered." In short, the great critic believes that original genius need not occupy new ground; but may work the old ground to better advantage. "A man who has the gift, will take up any style that is going, the style of his day, and will work in that, and be great in that, and make everything that he does in it look as fresh as if every thought of it had just come down from heaven." This good thought needs repeated emphasis among us. Let the need justify our lengthy quotation from the apt expression of Ruskin. For my part, I rejoice in this conception of the life-service. If I must despair of ever reaching the mountain-top of achievement—why, there is still the rich soil of the valley to be turned and over-turned and wrought upon for greater productiveness. And who shall say that the exercise of the lower place may not demand manhood and make for manhood, as much as that of the higher place. What the most of us have to do is to work the old ground over again. But our insistence is upon this point, that this necessity is neither dishonorable nor narrowing. On the contrary, it gives us all a chance to catch step with the march of progress. Progress, after all, is *epidemic*. I use the word in its original significance. Progress is upon or among the people. Perhaps Carlyle would say it is *demotic*. The solid marching is done by the body of the troops. Of course there

are leaders many, and "lords many;" but the solid progress is in the hands of the people.

I say then again, if the conditions of progress are not too severe, we have all given us a chance to fall into the regular onward swing, for the most of us are not leaders, but of the people.

What are these conditions? What is the touchstone of originality? For the few it is the invention of the new. For the many it is the use of the old. The field of the former is very narrow; the field of the latter is very broad, for the old dictum is at least relatively true: *nothing new under the sun*. I do not care to discover islands and continents. But, O that I may make good use of those already discovered! Why not be original here in the administration as well as there in the invention? In fact, the most of us are shut up to this: we have no alternative. And, I say, there is nothing sad about it—for the eyes of the universe look to us for its progress; as the eyes of a nation look to the body of the troops to do its fighting.

We have ideals and forms enough; we have rules and dicta a plenty. The need is not for more invention; but for more administration of ideals and laws. "It is not a new style we need; but we need *some* style." As the great Teacher of Nazareth put it, "Be not ye hearers of the Word only, but be ye also doers of the Word." The word has been heard, and many laws have been framed from it—a whole system of architecture has been founded upon it; now let the workmen come and build by this ideal. In this sphere, rather than in the other sphere of invention and discovery, there is abundant room for the exercise of original genius. And in this let us rejoice. This opens the ranks for the multitude to engage in the march. For, where there is one who can reach out and take hold upon the new, there are a thousand who can make honorable use, if they will, of the old. This is the democracy of progress. Our exhortation, then, would be—not "make for yourselves new ideals"—but "make diligent use of the good old ideals."

There are altars enough in our breasts, if the fire be kept burning there; there are swinging censers enough, if the incense be ever smoking there; there are penates plenty in our homes, if they be brought out of obscure corners into constant light and reverence.

Apply all this, if you please, to the fraternity. Not new conceptions for "this patent age of new invention," as many would have us believe; but the old conceptions wrought out to the fullest extent—this is the desideratum. Has any one in this day invented any form of fraternity which was not in a long-ago century more than covered by chivalry? It is not new Architecture, not new Fraternity we want; but the old Architecture and the old Fraternity made to do their best service

and to "look as fresh as if every thought of them had just come down from heaven."

Give us, then, strong personal exponents of Fraternity; give us determined, conscientious administrators of the inheritance bequeathed to us in Fraternity; give us toilers at the noble old ideal; servants of the old for the sake of the new—new places, new people, new times—workmen who shall never lose the old under the cloak of the new, but adorn the old with the clothing of the new. Prof. Ely tells us in his last book that there is a revival of the use of conscience in the affairs of political economy. Conscience once had power in the economy of nations; but the wave of materialism in the last century well-nigh overwhelmed it. Who does not rejoice at its revival?

In like manner, we would return and draw out the elder notions of fraternity; go beneath the froth and reach the rock and pearls at bottom.

Let each do this for himself. Our leaders may manufacture sentiment for us. But each must work at the sentiment for himself. Find the best that is in Fraternity,—ah! the best that is in it is among the best things of earth,—and if I mistake not this was emphasized more in the olden than in the later time. Find this best—and stand for it—struggle for it—plead for it.

My brothers, it is ours first of all to work at the old ideals.

EDGAR W. WORK, Beta, '84.

OJEDA.

ALONZA DE OJEDA, Fortune's slave,
 The constant subject of fickle play,
 Whose youth was seasoned in the Moorish fray,
 And weathered in the daring keel that clave
 Furrow the first across the western wave,
 Bearing Columbus on his glorious way,—
 Whose venturous spirit in his manhood's day,
 Ulysses-like, his restless body drave
 To seek satiety that heroes crave,
 In world-wandering, grown poor and gray
 And sick at heart who once had been so brave,—
 Dying a penitent, commandment gave
 Beneath the abbey-gate his corse to lay,
 "That all who passed might tread upon his grave."

MARION M. MILLER, Beta, '84.

ESPRIT DE CORPS.

THE French have supplied us with a phrase for which the English language has no equivalent. Perhaps the French appreciated the fact represented by the words "*Esprit de Corps*" better than we do. Certain it is that the spirit of a collective body is an active influence among men. If a million people were scattered through the Mississippi Valley, each living in the solitude of farm or forest, one sees at a glance that their intellectual development and productivity would not for an instant compare with that which would be shown, if the same million were gathered together in a single city like New York. The growth of each man seems multiplied by his contact with others.

Simple illustrations are easily found. I have recently noticed in hand-books on lawn-tennis, that the greatest aid to improvement is said to be seeing and playing with superior players. It is almost an axiom in base ball, that a weak batter, when placed in a list of strong batters, will usually improve, while a strong batter will steadily deteriorate when playing with an inferior club. The collective spirit of the body of men seems to have an existence of its own, and to enter into and possess the individual.

Perhaps the plainest fact within the range of medical science is contagion. The path of contagious or infectious diseases is plainly marked. Health manuals uniformly advise invalids to associate with healthy people rather than with the sick. Ingersoll said, that if he had been God, he would have made health catching instead of disease. The truth is both are catching. Every boy has had the law laid down to him concerning the influence of association. Emerson says that every audience has a collective personality of its own which controls the spirit of the occasion, and masters both speaker and hearer. In describing a mob, vivid writers narrate its movements as if it were one great hydra-headed monster, and not separate individuals. The same thing is true in the movements of armies, charges of Light Brigades, of Old Guards and of Pickett's Virginians.

So much by way of suggestion. This is the controlling principle in education. Everybody understands that the solitary pupil fails to make the progress of school boys. He has the same books, the same teachers, the same industry, but not the same results.

When a man enters college the most valuable part of his education must come from the spirit of the institution that he enters. The "*Esprit de Corps*" is the great educator. Class-rooms, text-books and reci-

tations are well enough. Mechanical equipments in the way of libraries, museums, laboratories and gymnasiums are still better. But these are not the important things. These form only the external body of the institution. The vital question to the student is, Is this splendid physical organism a corpse, or is it inhabited by a living and powerful spirit? This question is one of life-long importance to the undergraduate. His mind will be shaped by that spirit in spite of himself. Four years at college during his most impressionable age, will leave him possessed of the college spirit. Few there be who are great enough to cast out this spirit, if it prove an evil one.

It is in this respect that our younger western colleges are apt to suffer by comparison with the older institutions in the East. First of all, the college should be possessed of the scientific spirit. Neither mathematics, nor the dead languages, can compare in the development of the individual mind with the study of natural science. The single idea of evolution, when thoroughly grasped and appreciated, affords a mental enlargement for which I know no equal. Next to science comes the study of history and literature. These departments in a college should be animated by a thoroughly modern, enthusiastic and philosophic spirit. The collegiate "*Esprit de Corps*" should abound with poetic and imaginative sympathies, as well as with scientific and philosophic methods. The young mind needs the inspiration and refreshment of the ideal world, lest it be weighted too heavily with the grim and rugged realities of facts. Is the college spirit broad or dogmatic? Is it sustained by noble aims in art, literature, science, political economy, or are the eyes of the institution directed downward to the small notions of parental discipline, of parrot-like recitations, of questions asked from an open text-book, with the finger on the place?

The source of a noble and ardent "*Esprit de Corps*" in a college, is partly in its own past and acquired momentum, but chiefly in the living members of the faculty. Thought is the most contagious thing in the world. Like fire, it spreads from mind to mind. My entire generation of college mates were indebted, for whatever they acquired, to one man, from the sacred altar of whose mind was caught the living fire.

That the principle here suggested has its application to fraternity life is apparent. Every chapter has its "*Esprit de Corps*." That, more than anything else in the fraternity, is of value to the young collegian.

AUGUSTUS L. MASON, Xi, '79.

THE CHRONICLE OF THE GREEN BAG.

A Poem Read at the Class Day Exercises of the Class of 1889 of the Law Department of the University of Michigan.

Here comes to-day, all laurel crowned,
A train of hope inspiréd youth,
To bear away the fruitful meed
Of earnest precept born of truth.
To have upon their shoulders laid
A hand, whose lingering pressure tells
The love that breathes the tenderness
Of Alma Mater's fond farewells.

Those lights of law, like youthful knights
Who won their spurs in tourney frays,
Where rose-strewn sward of velvet turf
Reflected back the day-god's rays,
Stand now, the mimic battle o'er,
The wreathed chaplet thrown aside,
Armed *cap-a-pie* for bold crusade,
The flower of all their country's pride.

They go from hence where they have learned
The art of battle for the right ;
There glistens on the breast of each
The talismanic star of light.
Well have they learned and won the right
Their high profession's robes to don :
And later on in graver years
Will meetly put the ermine on.

Now, in these nineteenth century times,
The orders, guilds and crafts are known
By symbolism scarce at all,
And fewer still, by wig or gown.
The laymen and professors are
Mixed in the crowds that jostle on,
And none can tell by outward sign,
The savant from the artisan.

But in the good old earlier days
 The preachers, lawyers, doctors, went
 Enrobed, or carrying some odd thing,
 And laymen bowed acknowledgment.
 In ancient times, so far agone
 'Tis dim in legendary air,
 The gentry of *our* order 'gan
 To carry green bags everywhere.

Arising from necessity,
 The custom grew to widespread use,
 In years before will Shakespeare sung
 Or Spenser wooed the lyric muse.
 From town to town where courts were sate,
 The lawyers rode like knights and squires,
 On horse-back thro' the green-hedged lanes
 Of merrie England's fertile shires.

And in this gray old Gothic age—
 As told in storied tapestry—
 A green bag hung to saddle bows
 Of all this valiant errantry.
 From those old days to this, appears
 This symbol of the vernal hue,
 In verse and romance we may trace
 It's presence all the ages through.

Kit Marlowe knew it, Cibber too,
 And Dickens oft has well portrayed
 The barrister with his green bag
 And robe and wig for court arrayed.
 We see him now, as thro' the gloom
 And fog of London town he goes ;
 To Lincoln's Inn he trudges on,
 His stern, knit brows his wisdom shows.

And in his hand he's clasping close
 A bag of green, the texture, thin,
 'Tis made of baize, the size about
 The same they now put fiddles in.
 A fitting satire on the times,
 And these degenerated days,
 When lawyers use the bag no more
 And fiddlers ape their ancient ways.

We look adown the path of time
The gray old world has slowly crept,
Where many a dear old custom lies
By th' wayside where it long has slept ;
What's left us of the old green bag—
That sterling friend in days of yore ?
Naught but its wraith, to symbolize
The law and lawyers, evermore.

Tho' faded with the active scenes
Which saw its worth in ages past,
Like dead heroes whose histories
Their grandeur tells while time doth last,
The old green bag is with us now,
In reverent mem'ry strong outlined,
A symbol of the precious freight
That lawyers carry for mankind.

The bag is full of wondrous things,
All, creatures of the fertile brains
Of those who twist a nation's laws
To bind or loose a felon's chains.
There are the papers to the suits,
The writs and pleas and arguments ;
Drawn ill, or done with learned skill,
Of void or potent consequence.

Pandora never felt the pulse
Of expectation's anxious thrill,
Like him who looks into his bag
To find his fate for good or ill.
No treasure-box of pirate bold,
Nor iron-bound coffers of a king,
Holds half the precious freightage that
Is hidden in this eerie thing.

How oft the destinies of men
Are shapen to their final ends,
Perverted to a sorrier lot
Than nature otherwise intends !
Accused of crimes they wot not of,
By circumstances seeming plain,
Their foreheads bear the felon's brand,
Their good names hid beneath the stain.

There are the written documents,
The pleas for justice and relief,
The brittle of the trenchant blades
Which win the fight or bring to grief.
These scrawled sheets, in diction grave
For many a life they win a lease ;
They flutter in and out of court,
White winged messengers of peace

And nestling in the bag we find
The widow's and the orphan's cause ;
Set forth with righteous earnestness,
To win protection from our laws.
Th' oppressed and helpless are alike
Saved from the avarice of men ;
The miser's canting tyranny
Slinks whining to its rayless den.

The poor and struggling yeomanry
Who wrench a pittance from the soil,
Are snatched from jaws of two grim wolves
Which rend the fruits of all their toil ;
One wolf is "Gnawing Hunger" and
The other has a milder name ;
A "Landlord's Mortgage" it is called,
But both have fangs which crush the same.

Like those who watch for ships at sea,
Which come not while the slow years lag ;
So these sad ones with lustrous eyes,
Gaze wistful for the old green bag.
To all these sufferers of the race,
This bag brings freedom, peace and hope.
And lawyers wring full recompense
From those whose souls in meanness grope.

And thus it is and ever was,
Of all the powers in the world,
Justice has thundered from this bag
In tones as from Olympus hurled.
The weal or woe of all mankind
Has hung upon its grave mandate,
Nor Sphinx nor Delphian oracle
Ne'er whispered so the voice of Fate.

And lawyers are the genii and
The guardian spirits of the bag,
Who tear the mask from flaunting vice
And show the world a painted hag.
Yet mean aspersions oft are laid
By those of canting, craven hearts,
Who charge that bag and lawyers too
Are full of naught but lying arts.

But even we who have but passed
And in the outer chambers wait,
In this grand temple of the Law
Where throned she sits in sovereign state,
Know all full well the glories of
The triumphs of her majesty,
And know that her hand-maidens are
The Virgins, Truth and Equity.

But in this day of light, the law
Needs not a vindication here;
Her sacred mission—Heaven-sent—
Hallows the world each cycling year.
Her peerless triumphs and her grace,
No humble human e'er could sing;
His voice would falter in dismay,
His harp would fall a tuneless thing.

But while we bow in reverence
To law, "The State's collected will,"
A passing tribute we should lay
Upon a mem'ry verdant still.
The old Green Bag I came to sing,
That faithful humble friend and stay,
Our proud profession's symbol still
While law maintains her regal sway.

When carried by our forefathers
It held the rights and hopes of men:
And may our hearts as truly hold
And keep them safely now, as then.
A nobler, prouder heritage
Than Norman castle, feudal lands,
Is this old bag that comes to us
Blessed by those ancient sages' hands.

And brothers guard it sacredly,
And let it ever be for you,
A thing to shield and safely hold
Justice for men when e'er tis due.
Broad as that "law which moulds a tear
And bids it trickle from its source,
That law preserves the earth a sphere
And guides the planets in their course."

SAMUEL R. IRELAND, Theta Theta, '89.

A COLLEGE INCIDENT.

THE adherents of the Mystic Cross who attended the University of Indiana during the closing months of *ante-bellum* time, may find in the archives of memory the record of a college prank that placed the venerable President, Dr. Wm. Daily, in a very ludicrous and embarrassing predicament and saved themselves from a "paternal admonition." Though the moral standard maintained at the University at the time was as high as practicable in an institution of learning maintained by the state, and not answerable to either synod or convocation, it did not attain that altitude devoutly wished by the more protestant members of the faculty, while the broad mantle of christian charity was too contracted to cover the supposed transgressions of the Greeks, without such stretching as would endanger the cohesion of its fibre. The Greeks were accustomed to preserve a bond of fraternal recognition to the extent of uniting to avert a common danger; for be it known, however antagonistic might be the contending factions, they felt a common interest in preventing victors' wreaths from circling the brows of "barbarians." This limited fraternity was secured by an observance of "The Feast of Eggs," observed with more frequency but scarcely less regularity than the Olympic games, and exerting much the same influence upon ancient and modern Hellenists.

In determining who should provide the feast, reference was had to a combination of chance and skill, regularly known as "draw," in the following manner. A representative from each of the tribes was seated at a table modeled after that of King Arthur, and before each representative was a number of disks, each representing nature's greatest mystery, an egg. It is difficult to convey to the uninitiated a clear comprehension of the method of divination employed in selecting the victim, without transcending monitorial instruction. Sufficent to say, the victim, or he who provides the feast, was determined by cabalistic characters upon tablets, distributed to each person engaged. The representative having the most fortuitous combination of * * * received from the others a number of their disks, and he whom fate decrees should first be dispossessed of his allotment was the victim. The rule of divination was, "one egg anti, and one dozen limit." After the severe labor of extracting Greek roots, those frequent calls to refreshment were most enlivening to the participants, but in the opinions of the faculty were not of sufficient altitude to reach the high moral and intellectual standard they sought to maintain; and as the

profane can not discern the hidden meaning of symbolism it was not a matter of surprise that their president one morning announced in chapel, "Young gentlemen, the president and faculty request a full attendance in chapel to-morrow morning to listen, immediately after our devotions, to a paternal admonition upon the pernicious habit of card playing." All great men possess or affect some eccentricity of habit that distinguishes them from their plebian associates; and that of Dr. Daily was to draw from his overcoat pocket a huge silk bandana, and carefully lay it across the top of the big bible upon commencing chapel services. The next morning the Greeks had assembled in such numbers upon the stairway that the good natured president was somewhat jostled and pressed by the throng on his way to the chapel, and the sacred bandana was for a moment seen in the sacrilegious hands of a crafty Greek. That morning the attendance in chapel was unusually large and sedate. The president glanced over the assemblage, and with a pleased expression remarked, "Young gentlemen, it affords the faculty pleasure to witness so large and decorous an assemblage, for the purpose of listening to a paternal admonition upon a subject affecting your temporal and eternal welfare, the manipulation of those tickets to perdition, known as card playing. I implore you, young gentlemen, touch not the unclean things, shun them as you would the gates of hell, their touch is moral leprosy, their end sure destruction (but I anticipate). Let us engage in our devotions." The good Doctor's hand disappeared in his capacious pocket, and from its depths came the familiar red bandana. But Oh, shade of Ulysses! "Tell it not in Gath, sound it not in the streets of Askalon." As the handkerchief unrolled the "tickets to perdition" were strewn upon the rostrum "thick as autumn leaves that strew the brooks of Val Ambrosa," while groans rose from all parts of the chapel, deep and dolorous, as if from the abyss of the damned; followed by sorrowful exclamations of "What a pity," "Distressing," "Thy sin hath found thee out," "O shame," "Disgrace, disgrace," accompanied by a general and most lacrymose display of handkerchiefs. The sudden transition from the serious to the ridiculous, was too great a strain upon the facial muscles of the faculty which relaxed into expansive smiles. The worthy president seemed dazed with surprise and vexation, and with a wave of the hand dismissed us without prayers or "paternal admonition."

GRAPHO.

ART.

FROM GAUTIER.

Yes, that work excels
That 'gainst release from trammel
Rebels,
Verse, marble, gem, enamel.

With useless bonds away !
Yet for right progress, Muse,
You may
Close-fitting buskins choose.

Fie on verse unconfined,
A sort of easy shoes,
A kind
That any foot may use !

Carver, reject the clay
Where, while the fingers ply,
Away
The listless thought may fly.

In Parian marble rare,
In alabaster hard,
With care
The outline pure regard.

You, Syracuse, may lend
Its bronze in whose embrace
Do blend
Touches of strength and grace.

Graver, with firm hand trace
In veined chalcedon
The face
Of bright Hyperion.

Cast water-tints away,
Painter, and fix your skill
For aye
In the enameller's kiln ;

In blue that all time beholds
Make fays that featly swim
In folds;
Heraldic monsters grim ;

The Virgin and her Son
In the cloud tripartite ;
Upon
The globe, the cross of light.

All passes into dust
Save deathless art alone,
The bust
Survives the ruined throne.

Medels of grand profile
Which plowmen's shares upturn,
Reveal
Emperors great and stern.

E'en gods away may pass,
Yet verse's sacred reign,
Than brass
More lasting, shall remain.

Envoy.

Let steel on marble sound
When bonds material lock,
Spell-bound,
Your dream within the block.

MARION M. MILLER, Beta, '84.

Editorial.

THE SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT AND THE FRATERNITY.

THE tables of statistics prepared by the Grand Tribune during the past two years, reveal a marked increase in the number of active members pursuing scientific courses of instruction. The ratio of gain over the number of students pursuing the Classical Course is five and one-half per cent. This is but the evidence of a change common to the whole collegiate world, and is to be viewed as a mark of educational progress in the active membership of the fraternity, rather than a defection from certain time-honored subjects of study. The scientific spirit has made itself prominent of late years in every progressive college in the land, and has, as a consequence, affected the Greek fraternity system. But the Greeks have nothing to fear from the innovation, and can view the desertion of purely classical studies for those of a scientific nature without misgiving or alarm.

True, the conception of the Greek-letter fraternity is poetic, and those studies which tend to develop sentiment and imagination have a powerful reflex influence upon a student's view of such organizations. The more thoroughly a student enters the imaginative realm of Virgil, the brilliant poesy of Horace, and the panoramic satires of Juvenal, the more readily does he grasp the theoretic phases of life in a fraternity chapter. The more completely a student enters with Plato the mystic, philosophical thought of that dreamer, Socrates, and studies the works of the dramatist Euripides, the more ethical do his conceptions become and the more of the true Greek spirit does he absorb.

But interesting as these ideal worlds may be to the lover of the classics and to the litterati in general, they are mere drudgery to many a college student, and have been the means of driving many a bright but overly-practical youth from college halls.

The elective system, the increase of appliances for the study of science, and the renewal of interest in modern languages, have all been introduced to meet the needs of this class of youth. No greater evidence of progress of the scientific spirit need be mentioned than the recent establishment at Princeton of a well-equipped School of Electrical Engineering. The demand that the world is making of colleges to-day is the offer of an education that will be *more practical*. This demand is being met as Princeton has met it, by an increase in the technological facilities of classical colleges; in the establishment of new purely technological institutions; in the establishment of schools of journalism in classical colleges; in the introduction of seminary courses; in the estab-

lishment of chairs of pedagogy, and in numerous other innovations which tend to the specialization of education. The day when college men were thrown into the world, with no opportunities for having prepared themselves for a definite life's work, is now passed. The college of the future is the one that will offer the best inducements for *special training* whether it be in the line of literature or science.

The Greek fraternities may naturally have prejudice against this movement, and deplore the decreasing value attached to classical studies and strictly classical institutions. But the elevation of physical science to her proper sphere, and the increasing demand of more practical lines of education need not excite the alarm of the Greeks. Partly for this reason,—*the Greek-letter fraternity system has itself become more practical.* The influence which alumni have come to wield in the government of every progressive fraternity has tended to enlist alumni co-operation more than ever before, and make them feel that their organization is composed of mature business men, as well as enthusiastic college boys. The building of chapter houses has been the means of enlisting the solicitude and awakening the loyalty of many men who had, before contributing to such an end, regarded their connection with the fraternity more as a college reminiscence than as a strong, omnipresent bond to a great organization which would grow in power with the years.

As the fraternity has grown more practical, the character of its active membership has grown likewise. College boys talk less of their "dear brother" and of "love of their sister chapters," and are now planning methods for building chapter houses and discussing the governmental policy of their organization. It is by this silent and increasing process that prejudice against students whose college training is not classical has begun to disappear. Five years ago, Sigma Chi began to appreciate this movement and established her first chapter in a school of technology—the Massachusetts Institute, at Boston. The wisdom of the policy which prompted the fraternity to enter this excellent institution at so early a day, was last year confirmed by the unanimous voice of three standard fraternities who entered the institute—namely, Delta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Tau Delta.

The day has past when prejudice will prevent first-class fraternities from entering technological institutions. The youth of America has come to recognize other fields for educated minds than the ministry, the law, and medicine. While fitting themselves for other professions, by the study of other subjects than Latin and Greek, they have proven themselves capable of appreciating the genius of the Greek-letter fraternity and have become entitled to its full confidence.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

PHI GAMMA DELTA and Phi Delta Theta have held their National Conventions this Fall with their active chapters located respectively at Lewisburg, Pa., and Bloomington, Ill. While there may be some advantages in holding fraternity conventions with active chapters in small college towns, the Sigma Chi fraternity seems always to have preferred the large cities. This policy has resulted always in bringing out a larger number of alumni than could have been induced to go to some small college town, and has brought as many or more active members than could have been persuaded to go to the seat of an active chapter.

Theoretically, business men who were once jolly college boys, ought to be willing to go to a fraternity convention, if it is at all possible, wherever it may be held. They *ought* to be willing to go to a hamlet where nothing could attract or allure them from the business which called them together. They *ought*, we are told, to take as much interest in the proceedings of the convention as if they were still Freshmen with vows of undying loyalty to the fraternity on their unsophisticated lips. But unfortunately, men will grow less anxious about changes in the ritual and methods of ordering jewelry, after they have been out of college a good many years, and will seek at the convention "a grand good time," rather than the drudgery of listening to the entire proceedings of the convention. There are many such alumni who are glad to come and add their jolly good-fellowship to a fraternity convention held in a metropolis where the only attractions are not confined to a legislative body of youthful enthusiasts, and the local chapter's hall and the college buildings.

In a city, too, a great number of local alumni can be enlisted to make arrangements for the convention ; to furnish a few strong members who have interest enough to take part in the deliberations of the convention ; to attend the banquet in force, and to be the connecting links between the foundation of the order and its present status. The alumni of a large city when known to be enthusiastic, constitute a great inducement for their friends throughout the fraternity to attend. The reflex influence exerted upon apathetic members in the city results in renewing their zeal for the cause as nothing else than the enthusiasm of a national convention can do.

What active member will not feel the prouder of his organization and of its convention if there has been a large contingent of the "old boys," especially if they can be induced to talk ? From every consideration it seems far preferable to hold national conventions in large cities,

though provincial conventions may thrive best, perhaps, in college towns.

Until a few years ago the conventions of Sigma Chi were held during the college year, but of late the summer vacation has seemed the most popular time of the year. It is worth discussion now, as to when our convention shall be held next year. General sentiment seems to be in favor of the East or Southeast as the proper place to hold the convention. Would it not be preferable to meet in the Fall of 1890 instead of in the Summer? For if Washington is chosen as the proper place to hold the convention, it will be an exceedingly unpleasant site in the Summer vacation because of the severe heat. Besides, cities are often almost depopulated in the Summer, and the local alumni cannot be interested as they can be in the Fall. But if the Convention is to be held in the Summer, White Sulphur Springs and Old Point Comfort have been mentioned as desirable places. It is probable that many alumni could be induced to attend a Convention at either of these famous Summer resorts. The Grand Tribune desires to receive letters on this subject from the Southern and Eastern alumni especially.

THE CATALOGUE.

THE biographical and historical matter of the Catalogue is now completely and finally printed. The work of indexing is progressing as rapidly as possible. As there are nearly four thousand names to be arranged, both in Geographical and Alphabetical Indexes, the labor is necessarily tedious. But the editors, with the assistance of a few faithful members of the fraternity, are patiently preparing these indexes, and hope to give the results of their labors to the binders early in January. The Catalogue will be delivered to subscribers, from present appearances, in February.

The Greek Press.

When you saw Niagara Falls, kind reader, did you include a trip through the "Cave of the Winds." If so, you will remember how the guide clasps the hands of the party, each one's into another's, and then places himself at the head of the column, and drags the whole line after him along the slippery rocks behind the roaring spray. With the blizzard of water beating about your head, and the ragged ledges of rock defying the sureness of your feet, you feel that your hope of preservation is in those hands clasped tighter and tighter in yours as they grope against the slimy walls of the rocky cavern. You catch the faint glimmer of the oil-skin suit clambering in front of you, and realize that you may be rushing on to where the thundering cataract will crush your body on the adjacent rocks. You begin to realize that your life is in the hands of that man who tugs away at the unwilling column till he brings it intact to the light of day.

The actions of an editor of the Greek Press are not unlike those of the trusty guide in the Cave of the Winds. He bids his readers, unacquainted in all probability with all the magazines he will review, join hands, and plunge into the spray of Greek gossip, blown hard about their ears by the fierce winds of criticism; bids them tread with slipping feet through subjects which to them may be a stumbling-block, and *trust* through it all that their guide knows where he is going, and will leave them at the end the happy memory of an exciting and not unpleasant trip. Put on your flannels and oil-skin, then, and plunge with me into the September issue of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*. The first playful touch of the spray is exhilarating, for it is composed of kind words about ourselves:

We like the humane spirit of the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY in its treatment of the Greek Press. It praises cordially and censures soundly, but its temper is true. It never indulges in "spicy" criticism for self-glorification but only for the real advantage of the other editors.

This is the kind of criticism that is now characteristic of almost the entire Greek Press. Fraternities are growing to be better friends as they grow older; and though their rivalries are still intense and their ideals divergent, they still realize that they, like the many nations of the two Americas, have a common faith, a common hope, and a common destiny. Pan-Hellenism, like Pan-Americanism, is becoming less of a fiction every day.

Under "Some Chapter Suggestions" we find something pertinent to alumni as well as to active members :

A great many fraternity men seem to imagine that the reason for attending the chapter meetings is to be helped, and that if one feels like making a call, or thinks that he can get more good by study, reading some book, or is inclined to accept an invitation elsewhere for an evening's pleasure, the loss is all his own. This is far from true. You attend your fraternity gatherings not only for the good you can *get* but for the good you can *do*. You attend to help kindle enthusiasm and affection, to add vitality and warmth to the little assembly. You are needed to discuss questions of chapter improvement, the chapter house government, general fraternity extension, to listen to communications from sister chapters, to devise means for improving the literary, social and moral tone of the local organization. A good meeting is the fruit only of the combined power of all the members. Do not your presiding officer and the other officers expect to attend ? The duty is just as incumbent upon every man. In fine, we do not think we are too radical in asserting that a fraternity man has no right to follow any inclination, to make any engagement that will keep him away from the fraternity meeting.

An article and editorial on the time-honored subject of "Extension" leave very little of that theme uncovered. The sentiment of them seems to be unequivocally in favor of entering the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska ; the feasibility of Trans-Hudsonian extension is wisely touched more modestly.

The article on "Maurice Thompson" under "Phi Gamma Delta in Literature," shows more literary genius in the writer than that on "Lew Wallace," but in subject matter is far less interesting to the general reader. In the Bucknell University letter we notice this concerning a Sigma Chi of Kappa Chapter :

John H. Harris, Ph.D., of Pennsylvania, has been tendered and accepted the Presidency of Bucknell. Dr. Harris is an honored alumnus, and has attained a high rank as a leading scholar and educator. With his ripe scholarship and wide experience, the administration of Mr. Harris presages a glowing future for Bucknell !

The chapter letters were either well written originally or have been carefully edited. The *Quarterly* errs in stating that our alumni chapter recently formed at Washington is our first. Sigma Chi began to establish alumni chapters some ten years ago.

As our fancy winds through the varied and interesting pages of this issue of the *Quarterly*, like a vine upon the trellis, the hope of one of its editors is fully realized, "that there may be found in vine and trellis suggestions of manly aims and generous impulses."

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for last July, contains a brilliant article on "The University and the State." The author lashes himself into fury in this way :

To-day, in the great Empire State of the Southwest, the University of Texas, endowed by the fathers of the Republic, with a foundation laid deep and broad by the men of San Jacinto, reels before the strokes of demagogues and the cry of the untutored million. The Legislature of that State actually discussed the question as to whether or not the State should continue to support this great institution. The argument was boldly advanced that the University was of no advantage to the State ; that it merely produced an educated aristocracy, far removed from the great throbbing heart of the people, with little interest in their wishes, welfare or liberties. This is, of course, no new argument. It was heard when the Jacobin thundered against the Gironde ; it was heard when the Reformation shook the religious and political systems of Europe ; it has been heard wherever ignorance and prejudice have confronted education and knowledge, and is refutable by a reference to the historical experience of the past.

Standing on the dismembered fragments of the Texas Legislature, the orator, with his imagination all afire, thus eloquently tells what the "University boys" have done. Beginning with the Russian students, he says :

Solovief, the great Nihilist conspirator, while under sentence of death, declared that three-fourths of the revolutionists of Russia were former students of the Universities. The truth of the statement was so clearly recognized that the Government gravely discussed the advisability of suppressing these hot-beds of liberalism. To-day, thousands of Russian students are rotting in political dungeons and toiling hopelessly in the wastes of Siberia. Travelers in that "vale of tears" tell us that the feet that drag the heaviest chains once moved with pride through the halls of the academy ; the hands that lift the heaviest picks once turned the pages of the lexicon, and many a back bared to the Cossack's scourge has worn the garb of imperial eminence. Oh, brothers of Russia ! from your solitary dungeons, your desolate wastes, from the tunnels deep in the bowels of Mother Earth, your groans have fully answered the accusation that the Universities of the world have fostered selfishness and produced an unfeeling educated aristocracy.

It is said that when Latour Dauvergne, the bravest grenadier of the Imperial army, fell in battle, Napoleon ordered that his name should remain upon the muster roll of his company, and at its call the oldest sergeant should answer from the ranks, "Died on the field of honor." If the muster-roll of the student body of the world were called, the same response would come in answer to many a glorious name. Ireland would return the answer to "Robert Emmet ;" Hungary, from her wilds, would answer to the call of "Kossuth ;"

the wan ghost of dismembered Poland would walk the earth to answer to the name of "Kosciusko;" while from the green hills of Albion, the name of Hampden would awake a like refrain. These, and thousands of other sons of the Universities, have "died on the field of honor." It is needless to multiply instances, for wherever the beacon fires of liberty have blazed and the war drum of revolution has sounded its solemn tone, University men have answered the tocsin; tended the sacred fires to death and martyrdom.

We heartily agree with the editorial which objects to "verbose accounts of the antics of each particular billy-goat." The Greek journals have had quite enough of minute descriptions of his lordship's actions. *Requiescat in pace, Billy.*

The October *Palm* opens with a photo-engraving of the Chapter Hall of the Tennessee Omega Chapter, located at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. The offer of a Pan-Hellenic prize of a \$25 badge of the fraternity to which the winner shall belong, is made to the successful essayist on these two questions: First, Should Greek Fraternities in American Colleges be tolerated? Second, Is Pan-Hellenic Consolidation practicable and expedient? The first question seems to be a foolish one to us, for Greek-letter fraternities are not only tolerated, but *welcomed* in nearly every good institution in the land. The day of their *toleration* is passed; the day of their *recognized mission* in American student life has dawned. This proposition seems like discussing that other foolish question, "Is Marriage a Failure?"

Rah, rah, rah, rah! Vive la Delta U.!

Rah, rah, rah, rah! Delta U.!

Ha, ha! Rah, rah! Ha, ha!

Delta U. Camp!

This was the vigorous yell that rang out over the placid waters of Lake George and stirred the writer's Pan-Hellenic pride one day last August. The cry sounded like "Greek" indeed to most of the passengers of the "Horicon" as they looked at the jolly crew of college boys rowing on their lee, but it sounded far more musical to a Sigma Chi who recognized the shout as that of *fellow-Greek*.

A charming account of the life at "The Delta Upsilon Camp of '88" appeared in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* of last May, and we anxiously await the record of the past summer's camping pleasures.

The same number of the *Quarterly* contains a defense of the Tuft's Chapter from the charge of having first petitioned Phi Delta Theta. Such disputes are deplorable, and though the defense may have been necessary, its necessity is to be regretted.

The August number of the *Quarterly* contains an editorial on the adoption of the District Convention system as an important element in fraternity progress. Sigma Chi, while not pushing the system of district or provincial conventions to the full limit of its efficiency, has received great benefits from the local conventions that have been held. This system is the greatest factor known for making of *chapter* men—*fraternity* men. A college boy's horizon is broadened immensely by meeting members of other chapters located in his vicinity. Scores of men are brought to these local conventions who have never attended, and perhaps may never have opportunity to attend, a national convention. The result of the stimulation of loyalty to the general fraternity, and the formation of lasting personal friendships are obtained in district as well as national conventions. You are right, Delta Upsilon, in demanding the attention of your fraternity to this important subject. We congratulate Delta Upsilon on having this kind of Alumni:

The recent subscription of a thousand dollars, by a member of the fraternity residing in New York, for the purpose of aiding his chapter in the purchase of a home, is an eloquent testimonial to the value and influence of the fraternity.

Happily for Delta Upsilon such generous gifts are becoming more frequent. They have a significance, too, that is gratifying to those who are interested in the development of fraternities. No better evidence can be given of the permanency and stability of the system.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi for last June, contained the announcement that a member of the Chapter at Wabash College had been "legally tried and expelled for failure to meet his financial obligations to his chapter." If due accommodation had been extended to the member and he wilfully or negligently continued to refuse to pay his dues, we think this action was just and proper. The day has passed when Greek-letter fraternities bore with dead-beats and financial parasites, for fear of exposing themselves by expelling them. The fraternities are too strong now, and have become too practical in their business methods, to support men who impose upon them by refusing to share the financial burdens necessary to sustain the chapter and the general fraternity organization.

An article on "What Policy will make the Influence of the Chapter felt in its College" advances these four elements:

First, the careful selection of upright, intelligent men, men who are susceptible to a moving principle, who can catch the spirit breathed forth from a vital brotherhood. Second, an active, aggressive policy in every field of student enterprise. Third, the use of alumni influence and prestige. Fourth, a broad, charitable attitude toward our rivals as organizations and our fellow students as individuals.

The September number of the *Shield* contains a refutation of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly's* reply to Mr. Little's article on "Favorite Societies." The latter article was an able reply to Mr. Porter's article on Greek-letter fraternities published in the *Century* a year ago. The *Shield* closes its editorial in this way :

When will we hear the end of this everlasting arrogance of so-called Eastern-fraternity men ? If the membership of the "favorite" and other so-called Eastern societies know what a fraternity organization is for, if the vaunted "Greek spirit" of which the *Quarterly* loftily discoursed some years since, has aroused a spark of life in the hearts of those who worship at the shrine of brotherhood east of the Alleghenies, may we not suggest with propriety that the energies of the *Quarterly* and its able editor be devoted to obliterating the foolishness of this North, East, South and West, of which we hear too much now in the organs of political parties, and which we ought not to be compelled to confront in the pages of the journals of societies devoted to the lofty principles of universal brotherhood ?

In the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, May-June number, we find this sensible treatment of the subject of "Instruction of Delegates :

We do not favor the idea of a chapter "instructing" its delegate. A man feels bound to obey instructions at all hazards, and he frequently finds new lights that alter the case entirely. We believe it is best to have a chapter's desires and opinions thoroughly understood by the delegate, who, of course, is in sympathy with these views ; but to bind him by a command seems unwise, because extenuating circumstances may arise or be revealed, and it does not seem well to bind a man to be heedless of them. Either have a man educated to your views so as to be able to thoroughly represent you, and give him latitude for some exercise of his own judgment ; or instruct him, if you prefer, with permission to deviate if his own sound judgment dictates in the light of new facts and conditions.

The *Scroll* claims that Beta Theta Pi granted a charter recently to applicants at Pennsylvania State College whom Phi Delta Theta had rejected. The *Scroll* presumes that the petitioners were the same in each case, as the son of Governor Beaver (a Beta Theta Pi) was a member of each crowd. Phi Delta Theta recently made similar claims concerning the chapter established by Delta Upsilon at Tuft's College, though the claims seem not to have been substantiated. This sort of "holier than thou" boasting which seems to have in it the suggestion of Phi Delta Theta's defense against the charge of granting charters too indiscriminately herself, reminds us of the vain femininity which often boasts of "refused proposals."

The President of the General Council issues an appeal for funds with which to purchase "brother President" Harrison a Phi Delta

Theta badge. It is also proposed to have "brother President" to deliver the oration at the next Convention. Phi Delta Theta is not like most children—she never tires of trundling her little red wagon.

"The rider of the Black Horse" with the banner of Kappa Alpha in his grasp, rode promptly into Chicago with his July number. From the editor's advice to the convention of Kappa Alpha, to place the *Journal* in the hands of the Chi Chapter at Vanderbilt University, we presume that we may expect a new knight in the saddle in the near future.

The proposed admission of women into the fraternity, and the prohibition of alumni chapters from initiating men, ought to have been disposed of by the convention in a very summary manner. The interest which the chapters took in the questions to come before the convention was a very commendable feature of the letters in the July number.

An editorial expresses our views on a somewhat disputed point :

Elsewhere we print an article from *The Arrow* advocating the policy of women entering the profession of medicine. We indorse every word therein contained. This is about the only one of the professions open to women. They cannot enter the pulpit, they cannot join the bar, for in both these spheres they would lose their native modesty and be subject to inconveniences and annoyances unsuited to their sex. But there is no reason why a pure and noble woman should not read and practice medicine and yet be as modest and womanly as she would be sitting in her parlor reading novels or discussing fashions. Of course women should do *only city practice*, and it would be best for them to take *specialties*. They could then have their own private offices, with regular hours for work, and thus be as quiet and secluded as in their own homes. A *general practice*, especially in the country, is unsuited to women, and should always be left to the men.

We are glad that a number of medical colleges have already been established especially and exclusively for women ; we hope that these will be patronized, and that more will be established ; and we trust the day is not far distant when many good women will be devoting their lives to the practice of medicine, especially among their own sex.

In the liberal space of twenty pages devoted to "Notes and Clippings," we are not surprised to see the editor's southern chivalry prompt him to quote liberally from the charming female pen of *The Key*.

The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi opens its June number with a strong article on "Should Women Practice Medicine," a good summary of which we gave above in the editorial from the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. The chapter organized last Spring at Columbian University in Washing-

ton, expresses its joy at being admitted into Pi Beta Phi and its "good resolutions" for a prosperous future.

As our organization is the first woman's fraternity established in our city and college, we feel that great care must be taken in building up the chapter; and we feel, too, that our work will be that of pioneers; that we must put into it our best effort and wisdom. It is our earnest desire to make our beloved strong in every way possible, and we are aiming to neglect nothing that will perpetuate the object of the founders in organizing the chapter, and that will enable future members of Columbia Alpha to profit by its history.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* of last April gives the following concise and interesting account of the founding of the fifth chapter in that young but prosperous order:

In the Seventh National Convention of Alpha Phi, which convened at Syracuse, N. Y., early in last October, the Alpha Chapter pledged itself to keep a close watch upon her neighbor, Cornell University, and should a suitable opportunity show itself, to put forward effort in securing a good chapter there during the current year. How little did we then dream of such speedy and complete success! For at two previous times the ground had been thoroughly canvassed without any result. But Alpha Phi girls are not easily thwarted when there is a pet scheme on foot, and we hoped even when there was no hope. Many were the different little plans followed for gaining the desired information necessary, and when at length the data seemed most favorable, the work commenced. We left for Ithaca early on January 12, with very peculiar feelings concerning the outcome of the day's work. Our success seems almost fabulous as we recall it now. When we took a night train for Syracuse, we had pledged three fine girls, gained encouraging promises from two others, and had left a little group enthused but undecided as to what would be their course. And all this from girls who but a few hours before had been utter strangers to us, although they had known of Alpha Phi's high standing. These pledgings did not permit the work to lag; and just three weeks from the date of our first trip we returned to establish the Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi, with nine charter members.

Alpha Phi has reason to be proud of the *Quarterly*, which always has some interesting literary matter, good editorials, carefully written chapter letters, and an exchange department full of discriminating and appreciative reviews.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi contained an article last May on "Theta Delta Chi in the War," from which this paragraph concerning a pathetic incident is taken:

Yet with all the devotion to principle exhibited on both sides in that awful struggle, we have great cause for rejoicing in the proofs that the love

that binds together our hearts in Theta Delta Chi, was greater than the feeling which separated families and made the hand of brother raised against brother. And here again it is sweet to record that incident, beautiful enough to be a legend, and yet in its historic truth, sublime enough to gladden and strengthen the heart and faith of every Theta Delt. Can any of us go back in imagination to that sad and mournful day after the battle of Roanoke Island, and see there upon the field, surmounted by the awful witnesses of national hatred, those two officers cold in death, one in blue and the other in gray, yet with their hands locked in the sacred "grip" of Theta Delta Chi, without feeling his heart stirred to its innermost depths by this token of the love which passing all human understanding made those men, enemies in life, yet at least brothers in that sacred bond of friendship to which their faith and fidelity was given?

It has remained for the High Council and Division Chiefs of the Sigma Nu Fraternity to present biographical sketches of themselves to the fraternity, through the October number of the *Delta*. These gentlemen hold the reins of government now, so the fraternity will have to submit calmly and hear the mutual praises of their grand officers, with the sad reflection that no one but the fraternity is to blame. The young men do not exhibit in their faces the traces of that arrogance which one would naturally suppose to accompany such lofty official station. The editor evidently thought that he was in a prayer-meeting when he addressed the fraternity as "brethren." How would it do, Deacon Harrington, to call your fellow-Sigma Nus, "brothers?" This mistake is made too often in the ranks; leaders should avoid it.

The *Rainbow*, true to nature, is likely to appear in any part of the heavens, and in any color. The first number for the year 1889-90, seems to be of a yellowish hue, and hovers over the City of Minneapolis. The change from Chattanooga, Tenn., has been severe, but the periodical seems to have become thoroughly acclimated. The recent convention of the fraternity held at Cleveland, O., elected W. Lowrie McClurg President, and A. P. Trautwein Catalogue Agent. These gentlemen have been very useful to Delta Tau Delta in the past, and the fraternity is to be congratulated on securing their services for the future. The former has an interesting sketch of Tulane University in this number of the *Rainbow*. Three other institutions at which Delta Tau Delta has lately established chapters are also sketched in this number,—namely, Boston University, Tuft's College, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* for July opened with an exposé of Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, and Alpha Tau Omega, at the University of Georgia, in respect to their initiation of

non-collegians. They are all accused of initiating members of the "knee-breeches brigade," which is composed of pupils from the Athens grammar schools. Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu, claim not to have appealed to the mothers of Athens for their consent to the wearing of fraternity pins by their little boys, and believing that infancy is inconsistent with true fraternity spirit, they invited representatives from each of the four fraternities first mentioned to discuss the matter with them. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha refused to enter into a compact prohibiting the practice, and intend to continue the initiation of lawyers and small boys. This perversion of the very genius of the whole Greek fraternity system is deplorable, and it is to be regretted that the practice is in vogue elsewhere than at the University of Georgia. Gentlemen, can you not depend upon the solemn *word of honor* of a preparatory student, and wait till he enters, or is about to enter, the Freshman class before initiating him? If each fraternity would resolve to respect the claims of the other to men who have announced themselves as pledged, would it not assist in obviating this undue and greedy haste? "They all do it," is the invariable excuse. Now let us have more inter-fraternity agreements to consider a pledge equivalent to an initiation, or to postpone the right to pledge men till they are ready to enter college. As for the initiation of "men about town" who may never have seen the interior of college walls, it is totally without excuse. Under "Exchanges," Phi Delta Theta is given credit for electing the first President of the United States, because "James A. Garfield joined Delta Upsilon in the early days at Williams College, when Delta Upsilon meant little more than a defensive alliance of non-fraternity men, and included in its membership pretty nearly everybody who was willing to join it." Poor Delta Upsilon will have to make that old explanation again, and the public will still believe that Garfield was the first *anti-fraternity* man ever elected to the presidency, but that Harrison is the first *pro-fraternity* man elected to that exalted position.

Then here comes *The Key*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, cute and original, yet always dignified and womanly. The September issue contains a scholarly article on "Women of the Heroic Age." The women of Homer are all said to be painted as the perfection of some virtue. "In Andromache it is wifely love, in Hecuba it is maternal tenderness, in Euryclyia it is faithfulness, in Nausicca it is purity, in Helen it is humility, in Penelope it is both constancy and sagacity. They and their brothers also lacked the high intellectual development of later times, they lacked the civilizing influence of Christianity, but, though

untrained, their sound heads and pure hearts and exquisite poetic sense we of later times may well covet. All that could be given they had. All that may be gained they had not. To be like the stout-hearted, much enduring Ulysses, is not a mean ambition for any modern man. The wise Penelope is a high ideal for any modern woman."

Miss *Key*, in the open letters on practical fraternity affairs, evinces a sagacity that her masculine rivals well may envy.

Reviews.

CATALOGUE OF THE SIGMA NU FRATERNITY. By GRANT W. HARRINGTON. 160 pages. P. T. Foley, Publisher, Lawrence, Kans., 1889.

The first catalogue of the Sigma Nu Fraternity is a trim little volume of one hundred and sixty pages, bound in black cloth. It is a work very creditable to a fraternity which has a total roll of only twenty-six chapters.

The College Histories and Chapter Histories are united into one. Each can be treated more satisfactorily separate from the other, we think. The biographical matter is full, and illustrates that an immense amount of toil was spent in its collaboration. The editor made a special trip from Lawrence, Kansas, to the Virginia Military Institute to secure facts concerning the members of the Alpha or parent Chapter.

The Chief of Police in various of the larger cities were addressed and information secured from them as to the residences of members. The biographies contain some matter more suitable to a newspaper article than a catalogue, however. For instance, on page 49, we read that "Bro. Clark was considered the brightest man of his class, and held many honors while at the University." The names of the honors should indicate the standing of "Bro. Clark," for there is an endless number of men who think (or whose friends think) that they were the "brightest men of their class." We do not like to see defects so glaringly noted as on page 28. Witness: "Married — —"; "married to Miss — —." If the information could not be secured, it was not politic thus to call attention to the fact.

The Business Directory, arranged by States and Towns, contains full names of the resident members, giving their chapters and occupations. It is one of the most valuable features of the book. Realizing, as we do, the enormous task of compiling a modern fraternity catalogue, we can congratulate Sigma Nu on having so indefatigable a worker as Mr. Harrington, whose catalogue is an honor to Sigma Nu and to the Greek-fraternity system in general.

Chapter Letters.

BETA—THE UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

When the Sigs of Beta Chapter parted company last Commencement we numbered thirteen, and had come to think that we had entirely exploded the old superstition of that number being unlucky, for in our own humble opinions at that time we were equaled by few and excelled by none. But although the evil results of the fatal thirteen were not apparent at that time, they became fully so when we returned to the fold at the beginning of this term and found, not the ten or eleven men we expected to return, but only six. Of the expected ones who did not return, Frank Prestley is studying medicine at his home in Decatur, Ill. ; W. P. Hughes is sojourning in the classic shades at Schickshinny, Pa. ; Bro. Ralty entered Freshman at Amherst, Howard Irish is at Romulus, N. Y., and Harry Burrowes at Centerville, La., where he is Assistant Superintendent of a large sugar plantation. However, Bro. Burrowes did not leave us until the rushing season was fairly inaugurated, and the inspiration of his presence caused us to set to work with a better will, and where there's a will there's a way. As a result of the combination of will and way, we are able to introduce to the other chapters four as good Sigs as ever trod the devious pathway from Barbary to Greece, J. H. Myers, Wooster, O. ; W. G. Brossman, Lithopolis, O. ; Frank E. Robinson, Van Wert, O. ; and Will C. Bryant, Cambridge, O. Besides these men we have excellent prospects for two or three more, and will probably initiate them before long if we do not misinterpret various signs easily recognized by fraternity men. The other Frats have, with one exception, initiated one or two men each, and there has been less rivalry between them than is usual at this time of the year. All of them are joined in the determination to make this year's annual, the *Index*, a success, and have already elected editors, contrary to the usual custom of waiting until the latter part of the year.

We have had a few inter-frat ball games, but they have not been well enough played or exciting enough to cause much interest, as nearly all the best ball players in school last year were the Sigs who did not return this year, their absence taking the battery's first and second basemen out of our crack University nine. Foot ball is the rage now, and games are being arranged with Denison, and will be, if possible, with other colleges. In the University there has been very little of interest outside the regular course of affairs. There is an unusually large number of new students, and the outlook is bright for a very prosperous year. The new Music Hall was dedicated October 19, and is a great improvement on the old. Beta Chapter loses one of its best friends here by the resignation of Miss Watterson from the faculty of the Pre-

paratory Department. She has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the *New York Sun*. Invitations are just out for the wedding of Llewellen Gilliland, Van Wert, O., formerly of the class of '90, and Miss Gussie Underwood, of Wooster, on November 6. All the Sigs who have ever known Bro. Gilliland will join with the Sigs of Beta Chapter in wishing him all happiness.

GAMMA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Gamma begins the new year fearless and confident. All our men were in their places promptly at the beginning of the term except C. F. Scott, who is now attending the Boston Conservatory of Music. With the characteristic enthusiasm of loyal Sigs, we organized our forces to push our standard beyond last year's mark. True, there were but four of us, yet these four, respectively, represented enough brain, brawn, bluster and finesse to vanquish the combined forces of our enemies. There is a larger enrollment in all departments of the University this term than in any previous one. The place is completely flooded with new students. But although the number of new men is phenomenally large, those who would make the best fraternity timber are few. We entered the fight this year on an equal footing with our rivals, and as a result of determined action we have initiated one man and pledged four others. Our initiate, W. O. Collins, was rushed and bid by $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, but we were successful in securing him, and believe he will develop into a first-class Sig. The other fraternities have taken in some good men. Nearly every one has made several additions to its roll of membership.

During last commencement week the Board of Trustees elected J. W. Bashford, D.D., to the Presidency of the University. The new president is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He subsequently graduated from the School of Theology of Boston University, and obtained the degree of Ph.D. in the School of All Sciences. Already we are assured that the new administration will be entirely different from the old. That tyranny which oppressed Greek and Barbarian alike in the old will be absent from the new. Ohio Wesleyan is indeed fortunate in obtaining such a president.

ZETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Washington and Lee University began the session of 1889-90, on the 12th of September, under most favorable auspices, having 120 matriculates the first day; it has steadily increased its number ever since, until now there are 198 names upon its roll, the largest number it has had since the death of Gen. R. E. Lee.

Three of Zeta's men returned. Bros. Brown and Menefee failed to put in their appearance on the 12th. The former, we understand, is in business in his native State, Arkansas, while the latter, we presume, is in or near Hamilton, Mo. We have been able, so far, to take in two "goats." The first was Gus Hampton, who was initiated soon after the session opened. His father is a Sigma

Chi, and like all true Sigs, has instilled into his son the true principles of a high-minded man and a gentleman, which cannot but make him one of Sigma Chi's brightest jewels. The next initiate was G. B. Lee, brother of R. E. Lee, Jr. ; we hope and are sure he will be an honor to Zeta and to the fraternity at large. We were most happy to welcome, as an adopted son of Zeta, Bro. Hobbs of Eta Chapter. He has come all the way from Arkansas to sit at the feet of two of Virginia's ablest authorities on law—Hon. J. Randolph Tucker and Prof. Graves, an honored alumnus of Zeta. Thus Zeta has reached a membership which her strict requirements very rarely allows her to exceed.

We were delighted to see H. W. Holt at the opening of the session. He looks well, and says that the law is doing its part by him. We received with much pleasure William M. Reid's wedding invitation, and Zeta sends her best wishes for a long and prosperous life. We are always delighted to hear such good accounts from our alumni, and we hope it will not be long before we get another invitation.

Zeta's representatives this year with "the cane" are Bros. Peck and G. B. Lee ; we hear they are downing everything that dares to stand up before them.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Session of 1889-90 opened with a better prospect for the University of Mississippi than it has had for some time. There are several reasons for this, among them the changes made in the Faculty by the Board of Trustees last June. The Chair of English is now occupied by Prof. F. M. Leavell, formerly of Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., instead of Dr. J. L. Johnson, who is now President at Mary Sharp College. The Chair of Latin is filled by Prof. Addison Hoge, associated with Greek, as one Chair of Ancient Languages, instead of Dr. A. J. Quinche who, on the 11th of August, to the regret of his many and warm friends, in a period of temporary insanity brought on by insomnia, committed suicide by cutting his throat and severing the femoral artery. Prof. R. W. Jones, our old chemistry teacher, is with us again in the same capacity, instead of Prof. Woodville Latham, who is now in St. Louis, Mo. Prof. W. R. Sims, from Vanderbilt University, has the Chair of Ethics and Moral Science, instead of Dr. J. J. Wheat, who is now Presiding Elder of this district. Prof. H. A. Strode, of Virginia, fills the Chair of Mathematics in place of Gen. C. W. Sears, who still lives in Oxford. Prof. J. A. Fontaine, of the University of Nebraska, is Professor of Modern Languages instead of Prof. C. W. Hutson, who has a place in the University of Georgia. Edward Mayes, Professor of Law, is our Chancellor ; Prof. R. B. Fulton, Physics and Astronomy ; J. W. Johnson, Assistant in Mathematics and Engineering ; Prof. J. W. Provine, Assistant in Chemistry and Natural History ; Prof. A. L. Bondurant of the University of Virginia, Assistant in Ancient Languages ; Miss S. M. Isom, instructress in Elocution. These changes, thought by the people of

the State to be necessary, together with a canvass made by Chancellor Mayes, caused over two hundred students to be here at the opening of the session. Among them were a great many new fellows composed of the stuff of which Greeks are made, and you may be sure we were not idle. The Sigs who returned were E. E. Brougher, of the senior law class; F. C. Holmes, senior; B. F. Jones, senior; Robert Friend, junior; J. B. Vineyard, junior; T. E. Enochs, freshman; C. E. Catchings, freshman. H. T. Gaines, junior, was with us the first week, but returned to Pittsboro, Miss., to go into the mercantile business with his uncle. We were also greatly helped by our resident alumni brothers, Hon. W. A. Roane, Dr. T. D. Isom, Jr., and Charles Friend. At our first meeting we initiated Fletcher Enochs, of Crystal Springs, Miss., member of the Freshman class and a brother of Edgar and Tom Enochs, and Joseph Ambrose Posey, of Union City, Tenn., a sub-freshman, and a brother of John F. and William F. Posey. The next meeting saw three trembling neophytes knocking for admission into our sacred portals—William Ewell Gill, of Gillsburg, Miss., senior law class, and a genuine good fellow in considerable demand by our rivals; John Joseph Huddleston, of Eudora, Miss., a sophomore of ability, and William Jasper Beasley, of Tryus, Miss., a sub-freshman and brother of E. M. Beasley. A few nights after, we initiated James Houston Price, of Gillsburg, Miss., senior law class. He is a man of prudence and judgment and took his time. He examined the best records on the Campus, then told our rivals that he would cast his lot with Sigma Chi, so we got the only two men initiated from the senior law class. Bro. Price is a graduate and medal man of Mississippi College, and for four years has been President of the Gillsburg Institute. Erastus Duncan Vineyard, of Vineyard, Ark., a freshman, and brother of G. H. and J. B. Vineyard, was the next initiate; then Albert Martin, of New Orleans, La., went through the mysteries. He is a freshman, son of a celebrated Episcopal minister, and is an unusually well-read student. Next we took in the baby Sig, "Our Pet," Joe Taylor, of Oxford, Miss., a freshman, the son of Bro. J. L. Taylor, deceased. His mother thought him too young to be out at night, but we finally persuaded her to consign him to our tender care. He is easily leading his class. With sixteen sons staunch and true, Eta has the brightest prospects before her.

THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The regular Fall term opened September 19 with the largest attendance ever known in the history of the institution. The Freshman class numbered over sixty men and a fair proportion of them have joined the ranks of the Greeks. Never have so many men come here "fixed." The two fraternities that lead with initiates had but little work to do; indeed almost none at all unless it would be considered laborious to whisper to a fellow "We will take you in to-night," for that was about the extent of trouble requisite to obtaining at least a half-dozen fellows. We have so far initiated two men. I have

the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity at large Charles H. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Edmund K. Fox, of Washington, D. C. Theta now numbers but five active men. The loss was exceedingly heavy, and but three of nine responded at the first meeting. Of these, three had graduated, and Sangree, Krapf and Dakin failed to return. Sangree is at Franklin-Marshall, Krapf at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dakin at Swathmore. However, five alumni are in the town and they take an unusual interest in the chapter—McPherson, J. B., McPherson, D. P., Butt, Stahle and Scott.

The \$100,000 new building was dedicated on September 12. Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, presided, and Attorney-General Kirkpatrick delivered the oration. The old building has been refitted and the Breed Chapel is almost completed. A new professorship of Physical Culture and Hygiene has been established, and endowed with \$25,000. There has been one mistake made; a physician, and not a *practical athlete*, has been chosen to fill the chair. What the outcome will be is hard to tell.

KAPPA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Kappa began the year under adverse circumstances. Last year, Kappa's doors closed on eleven good, staunch members, but at its first meeting in September it found but three in their accustomed places. Since that time we have lost Bro. Campbell, a '90 man, who intends taking a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, but who expects to return next year and finish his course here before becoming an M.D.

Fraternity spirit at Bucknell was at high tide during the latter part of October and the first of November, caused by the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ National Convention which was in session for three days. They had about 65 delegates, and held a public meeting in the Court House on Friday, November 1.

We have no new men thus far to introduce to our sister chapters, for there are few if any men here who would make good Greeks. Our rival fraternities are very strong in numbers, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ having eighteen men and $\Phi K \Psi$ eleven. We are expecting several of our last year's men to return to Bucknell in the near future. Great things are expected of Bucknell, owing to President Harris' administration, and his energy has already shown itself in the erection of the new gymnasium and laboratory. Bros. Shipman, Guie and Null spent several days with us at the beginning of the term, and their genial faces and manners were warmly welcomed.

LAMBDA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the college year found us on the ground early, and ready for a vigorous campaign. The contest for new men was a very close one, but we succeeded in capturing our share of the good ones. When college began we had but twelve men. Since we have added five more, Bros. Heilman of Noblesville, Nicholson of Pendelton, Adams of Fairfield, Ill., Smith of Deca-

tur and Cox of Columbus, who was spiked by the Phi Delta Theta and by Beta Theta Pi.

The professors whom we lost last year have been replaced by a very able body of instructors, so we feel that our institution has not been materially injured by the change. A Law Department has been added to the University, which has been proving a great success, and will no doubt add much to our future influence. A new library building is in progress. So far we have had our share of honors. Bro. Lindley was elected Vice-President of the Lecture Association. Bro. Shoemaker was elected as one of the Board of Directors who have control of *The Student*. The prize offered by the Literary Societies was taken last June by Bro. Rhett. After the holidays our numbers will be further augmented, so Lambda has as usual a bright prospect for the future.

MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

When the Sigma Chis returned to college this fall, we found that we were seven in number, distributed in classes as follows: Two Seniors, one Junior, two Sophomores, and two Freshmen. Of the last year's number two had graduated, two had given up their college course, and one had gone to Colgate University. We promptly went to work to see if there was any available fraternity material among the new students. The conclusions were unsatisfactory, for, after careful consideration, we were unable to decide upon a single new student to whom we cared to offer the honor of membership with us. One of the sophomores, however, Frank E. Whittemore, of Akron, O., was considered a desirable man, and one who would always reflect credit upon Sigma Chi. He was accordingly initiated on September 27, and we take pleasure in introducing him to the Greek world, and especially to Sigma Chi.

The "rushing" season has been unusually quiet. As a consequence, the best of feeling exists among the members of the three fraternities here. Thus we escape one of the worst objections to fraternities, that is, that they engender bitter feelings in the breasts of those who otherwise would be good friends. Numerically we are the weakest chapter here at present, but this results from our policy of having the best men or none at all, and we are sure that even our rivals would not deny that in all departments of college life the Sigs are equal to the best. We are very much interested in the work of the fraternity. Several of our members are contemplating the purchase of additional Sigma Chi jewelry in the near future. We have also begun a course of instruction to master the names of all our sister chapters, and the colleges and towns where they are located.

We were painfully surprised at the beginning of the year to learn of President Anderson's resignation. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees his resignation was accepted, to occur at the close of the term. Denison loses a very efficient president. Dr. Anderson has been here only three years, yet

he has done much for the welfare of the college. He accepts the Chair of Homiletics at Morgan Park Seminary, near Chicago.

Since the organization of the Athletic Association last spring, athletics have made fast progress. A good base-ball team was put in the field, and did some excellent playing. A foot-ball club has just been organized, and we expect equally as good a record from them. Sigs occupy prominent positions in both clubs. Quite a novel feature is a senior class base-ball nine. Their games have provoked considerable merriment, as well as shown much skill. Bro. Wilkinson is president of the Athletic Association, one of the best honors of the college. It is probable that in a year or two there will be formed an athletic league among Ohio colleges for the promotion of inter-collegiate games. We should be much in favor of such an organization.

Two very enjoyable receptions have been given recently in honor of the senior class. The first was given by Pres. and Mrs. Anderson at their home on College Hill. About twenty were present to enjoy the hospitalities always received at the executive mansion. The second was given by the seniors of Shepardson College for Women, in the elegant new parlors of Burton Hall. Progressive angling and other amusements were engaged in, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Geo. A. Dorsey, '88, was with us a short time. He has entered Harvard to pursue a post-graduate course. We have also enjoyed very much recent visits from Thos. McCann, A. D. Eldridge, '87, and T. S. Morris, '90.

XI—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Never before did Xi Chapter begin the year's work with better prospects or with more enthusiastic men. The usual number of last year's Sigs returned, and in addition Bros. Harrison and Hogate, who had been out two years. Chas. Willets, of Greentown, Indiana, a pledged man of '87, returned prepared to enter the freshman class, and he had the pleasure of being the first man initiated. Fired by the desire to get her share of the new men, Xi went to work with the will that insures success. After Bro. Willets, the next man to tread the "King's Highway" was Cash McMullen, a brother of Harry R., and a son of Hugh D. McMullen, who was a charter member of Xi Chapter. Homer Pinnell, of Ladoga, Indiana, a representative man of the freshman class, came next. Then the entire college world looked on while a protracted struggle ensued over Hugh H. Hadley and James M. Ogden, both members of the freshman class. Six frats urged their cause with these men. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi. The boys gave no decision for five weeks, but when given it was for Sigma Chi; and on the evening of October 26 they were made royal Sigs. By the victories of this year Xi Chapter is put well to the front at De Pauw. Bro. Drees, who, had he returned, would have been a junior, is sojourning for the present in the City of Mexico. Bro. Johnston is attending

the Chicago Medical College; Bro. Sharp, a Law School in Cincinnati, and Bro. Spurlock is in Denver, Colorado. At this writing we are seventeen, and to quote Ogden, "The People."

On the evening of October 12, after the Wabash-De Pauw ball game, quite a pleasant affair occurred. The entire number of ΔX , five members from Δ , visiting brothers from Danville, together with the alumni and active members of Ξ were present—about forty in all. The occasion was one of rare felicity, the initiation of Bro. Pinnell forming not an uninteresting feature of the evening's performance. Grand Prætor Shull, of Wabash College, spoke our sentiments in regard to a provincial convention being held at the beginning of the second term. The meeting being of a purely social nature, we adjourned to the café, where an impromptu spread was indulged in. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Hanna presided as toast-master with the accustomed gravity of a Sig under like circumstances.

The college year has opened auspiciously for the University. Retiring President Dr. Martin occupies the Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy. Acting President Dr. John has met with gratifying encouragement in his new administration.

The fraternity world has been unusually quiet, with the exception of the Hadley and Ogden episode. The flagrant boast of Delta Kappa Epsilon that they never lose a proposition, is now being tenderly nursed. A short time ago they gave a banquet to four men (something hitherto unknown in Deke history at De Pauw), whom they were spiking. The banquet proved a complete "Jonah," and they lost all four of the men, and two more on the strength of it.

John H. Harrison will be the Funny Editor on the junior annual, *The Mirage*.

The chapter-house scheme is being revived, and Geo. C. Higgins, of Missoula, Montana, has started the fund. The opening of a college year never found the Sigs of Xi more enthusiastic, or congenial, and across the lapse of intervening miles, to her sister chapters, she extends her cordial greeting.

OMICRON—DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Once more, fellow-Sigs, "Old Omicron," at Dickinson, wishes that prosperity and good fortune may be yours and hers during the coming year.

The class of '89 took with it some of Dickinson's best men, and some of Omicron's most worthy sons. Bros. Baldwin, Millard, Paxson and Swartz have been launched upon the troubled sea of life. They are four Sigma Chis of whom the fraternity may well be proud. Their loss was a severe blow to Omicron. But we have always had the reputation of being a jolly crowd, and a good one too; and by our new initiates we have done much to fill the breach caused by their departure.

The first initiate was Geo. M. Hayes, '93, of Carlisle, Penn., then followed Carl Foster, '93, of New York City, T. R. Field, '92, of Philadelphia, Penn., and C. Sewell Weeck, '93, Reisterstown, Maryland; and our next letter, we think, will convey the names of one or more added to the fold. We have won these men by a succession of glorious victories; for, of the new students, ΣX has taken her pick, and these the best. We now have eight members, we seldom exceed ten, and never allow ourselves to number more than twelve. For in small numbers we have always had unity, and in large ones we fear dissensions. Two of us are in the class of '90, one in '91, two in '92, and three in '93. Our future outlook is promising, for "We are barricading the future by our active work at present."

As for Dickinson College, it opens with a flourish—a Freshman class of forty-five, many improvements, an increased endowment, a fine new athletic field, in addition to her well equipped gymnasium, and a new and able president.

RHO—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the year found five Sigma Chis here eager to battle for the fraternity. One of us was Ray D. Meeker, who was out last year, and returned to enter the junior class and complete the course. The general prosperity, good crops and abundance of money in this section of Indiana has had a telling effect upon the attendance at Butler this fall. Not for many years has the enrollment been as great as at present. It is now more than fifteen per cent. greater than last year. One very pleasing feature in the increased attendance is a decided betterment in the class of students—a large proportion of them entering the Freshman and higher classes.

The spiking season began early and lasted for several weeks. It was exceptionally active, and resulted in rather equally divided honors. For the first time in several years all the fraternities here locked horns in a fight for the same men. It was a long and well contested battle, and it resulted in a decided victory for Sigma Chi; and now after the smoke has cleared away, we take this opportunity to introduce Clarence Brewer. He is our only initiate this term. He is president of the Freshman class, and is on the staff of the *Butler Collegian*, the college monthly.

Within the past year nearly \$100,000 of real estate in Indianapolis has been sold by the University. With this money many improvements are being made, and more are promised. The foundation is now being put in for a \$30,000 preparatory building, and an observatory building is now almost completed. It is to be equipped with all the necessary appliances, including an equatorial telescope with a six-inch lens made by A. Clark & Sons. There have been two new chairs established since last commencement, and four additional tutors have been employed. An electric car line is now being built to Irvington, which will reduce the time of going into Indianapolis to about

twenty minutes. The University still owns a large amount of unproductive real estate in Indianapolis, and when disposed of, many more improvements will be made here.

CHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

At the beginning of the college year Chi finds herself in a condition at least as good as normal, and with good prospects. We had nine men present at the opening; and Robert Taylor has since joined us. We have, as yet, initiated no new men. Some of the fraternities made a special point of ensnaring the innocent and unsuspecting juvenile this year, although some had policy and self-respect enough to wait until they became acquainted with the new men. One man (?) was taken in on short notice, and the next morning was heard to inquire the name of a member of his fraternity. Thanks to the energy of Walter L. Fisher, and to the loyal spirit of other members of the fraternity, we have a chapter-house in process of construction, which, when completed, will be a credit to the chapter. Notwithstanding the fact that the plan has a firm financial basis, at least one fraternity seems to promulgate the idea that Chi Chapter will soon be insolvent. We have not the slightest desire to quarrel, but, as Bill Nye says of the "John" Rabbit, "when disturbed on our nest, we are ferocious and bad." We object especially to having this false statement used as a spiking argument.

The college has lately purchased a telescope, and an observatory is being erected. The instrument is said to be the finest college telescope in the State. The foot-ball team is being organized for the inter-collegiate contest, and we hope Hanover will sustain her former record.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

It affords me extreme pleasure to be able to report that Psi is in a prosperous condition, flourishing, and with bright prospects before it. We have at present only seven active members, but have lassoed several "goats," and will be able soon to show up well in numbers. On last Friday night (October 24) our regular elections were held, resulting in the choice of a most excellent consul, with a good corps of subordinate officers. We have with us two transfers, Bro. McLemore from *I I* Chapter, Randolph-Macon College, and Bro. Kilbourne, from *A I* Chapter, Ohio State University. In respect to our members of previous sessions, we were rather unfortunate; only three of them returning this session; they were energetic fellows, however, and soon brought the chapter to a prosperous state, and later on we trust to be able to tell you of our having one of the most flourishing fraternity chapters in this University. With the stand Psi has always had here, and the numerous excellent alumni who have left us, we have no cause to doubt success, and feel sure that the reputation for high standing left us will be well sustained. At present our pro-consul and annotator are "rushing" with the greatest energy and promise

to bring us in a rich harvest soon. We are all anxious for the appearance of the long expected Catalogue, now that it is so near completion; we are proud of the record that will appear in it as that of Psi. Almost none of our brothers of former sessions have visited their alma mater, and we are sorry not to be able to give some account of several of them. Our Grand Prætor, W. D. Hooper, of Georgia, has written us of a convention he wishes to be held in Lynchburg or Richmond this winter; we, of course, will send delegates,—the Associate Editor contemplates going,—and trust that there may be a large gathering of the members of Sigma Chi. We have received letters from comparatively few of the other chapters, but as soon as the pressure of work lightens, we hope to enter into a more extensive correspondence with them; we believe that nothing tends more to make strong the tie binding us than frequent and intimate correspondence.

OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Omega is still on the upper side of the blooming turf, and is agitating her nether limbs vigorously. This, the twentieth autumn of our chapter's existence, finds us prosperous and hopeful. We have twelve men in the active chapter, as follows: 1 senior, 3 juniors, 5 sophomores, 3 freshmen, with several pledged men who enter Freshmen next year. One freshman, Frank Jackson, of Chicago, a splendid fellow, was initiated the first week of the term. Numerous alumni assisted the chief torturer in his office. Other initiates are on the way.

B. M. Weeden, '89, O. M. Howard, '89, and John J. Nutt, '90 sailed October 16 for Europe where they will spend the winter. A few days before their departure a farewell reception was tendered them by the chapter and their lady friends. The evening was enjoyed highly, and was wound up by a "feed" and several quiet little dances.

W. C. Wise, '90, and F. B. Cozzens, '91, have returned from California and room together in Chicago; Wise is pursuing his course at the Dental College, and Cozzens is foreman of the printing office of *The Lever*, a prohibition weekly, published at 123 La Salle Street. Bro. McFadden is employed in his father's grain office at Havana, Ill. Chas. B. Wright is with his brother Herbert in Kansas City. We have lost nothing in the way of honors by our anti-combination policy. J. J. Shuman was elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Northwestern*, a position which he is well fitted to fill. He is also on the Hinman Society Essay Contest, and Chairman of the Annual Board. Chas. T. Watrous, though at first barred off the Declamation contest by schemes of factions that feared his powers, was afterward elected to fill a vacancy. Watrous is center rush of the foot-ball eleven, and Phelps quarterback. Phelps was to-day elected as a representative from the Junior class to the Junior-Sophomore Debate Contest for the Gage prize.

This is the third year of our chapter-house experiment. It continues to illustrate the desirability and almost the absolute necessity for chapter houses.

Not contented with much longer *renting* a house, we are taking active steps toward buying land and building an elegant house of our own. The University has shown unusual liberality to fraternities, and has offered to give long-time leases, free of rental on land, for the erection of chapter houses. Whether we will avail ourselves of this offer or not depends altogether upon how good a lot they will give. Ours is the only fraternity here that has tried the chapter-house experiment. We find it a success both financially and socially.

During the summer vacation Bro. Roy Shuman rode his bicycle from Chicago to Buffalo *via* Ann Arbor, Detroit and Niagara Falls, a distance of 600 miles in twelve days. While at Ann Arbor he was entertained by Bro. John W. Bennett, who has a good law practice at that place, and at Detroit he met Bros. Taylor and Sullivan, also lawyers. The Northwestern University is making splendid progress, and has upward of 1,500 students in its eleven departments. The new Observatory, which was dedicated commencement week, is in working order and attracts scientists from all parts of the country. Our own progress keeps pace with that of the University. Phi Kappa Sigma has reorganized with nine members, and, it is hoped, will attain the high standard she had in years gone by.

There is a "Psi U" rumor in the air, but it is probably only a rumor. Some even hold the opinion that a number of barbs organized and applied for a charter, but were refused. The available Greek material is pretty well taken up by the six fraternities and five sororities already in the field.

GAMMA GAMMA—RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Our chapter, as usual, though not large, having only four just now, is loyal from skin to core and from core back to skin again. We hope that one of our best men, who is slowly recuperating from a spell of fever, will soon return.

Our college, being on a boom, now claims about one hundred and sixty students, alias "Fish." The fish of this season are much better characterized by their urbanity than those of last. Notwithstanding this improvement there has not been a great deal of buzz in our microcosmic circle of Greeks. Of the whole number of students there are only thirty-two frat men, distributed as follows: $B \Theta \Pi$, 10; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 7; $\Phi K \Sigma$, 2; $K \Sigma$, 4; $K \Lambda$, 4; $\Phi \Theta \Psi$, 1; ΣX , 4. Out of these thirty-two fellows there are seven who have been introduced to the fraternity world in the following order: $B \Theta \Pi$, 2; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 1; $K \Sigma$, 2; $K \Lambda$, 2. Now, because ΣX does not appear in this last group, do not think that Gamma Gamma has been content to remain passive and inactive. She has moved more surely than swiftly; and now that she has her position fixed so well, she can better wait until she finds a worthy man, than draw blindly from a set of men of whom she knows nothing. We have our eyes open; and hope by the time for our next letter to be able to introduce one or more good initiates.

The fraternities of the college have not had to contend with an organized anti-fraternity element this year, though there is some of that spirit left ; for as we are told :

Error wounded writhes with pain,
And dies amid his worshippers.

When the sun of this organization set behind a troubled sea of difficulties, the members claimed that their object had been accomplished. What their object really was we are somewhat at a loss to say, though we thought they started out with the avowed purpose of breaking down fraternities at Randolph-Macon College. Whatever hard feeling they may have engendered we must give them the credit of accomplishing some good, in that, by opposing fraternities as a whole, they drew the individual chapters far more closely together in a Pan-Hellenic group, beneficial to all of them.

DELTA DELTA—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

The commencement of another collegiate year finds the institution striving to make itself first in the ranks of scientific and technical schools. Numerous additions have been made to the college buildings, and over \$50,000 have been expended in new scientific and mechanical apparatus. Although the advancement of our alma mater is of great moment to us, what we rejoice in most is the unity and standing of our beloved chapter. We began work the 5th of September under most favorable conditions. Eight of our men returned and a number of our old boys are employed in the city, so our chapter has assumed large proportions ; for the graduate members take as much interest in our meetings and movements as do the active members. We have initiated one man this year, and are proud to introduce Edwin Carr to all Sigma Chis. He possesses a nature so congenial, and a bearing so noble, that he is honored by all who know him, and we feel that we have obtained the jewel of the college. Bro. Carr is a member of '92, but aims to graduate with the class of '91. He is the most gifted elocutionist that Purdue offers. His rendition of Riley's masterpieces is said to rival the author's own presentation.

Our most enthusiastic and bitter barb opponents have just failed to receive a charter from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The faculty granted them permission to be fraternity men ; but alas, even $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ could not afford them that supreme satisfaction of being Greeks. Now that they have been so completely squelched we anticipate a more vigorous opposition than ever, but their enmity only makes Sigma Chi stronger, for on every possible occasion our fraternity is brought into prominence by their attempt to prevent ΣX from "running the college."

Our boys have been highly complimented this Fall in the military department of the institution. Bro. Richards is Captain of Artillery, Bro. Sedgwick is 1st Sergeant, and Bro. Anderson Quartermaster-Lieutenant. These offices are given to the boys strictly on merit, and when merit is the measure of honors, Sigma Chi is never in the rear ranks.

On September 28 the Purdue nine was defeated by the Wabash nine on the latter's grounds. A number of our boys attended the game, and we were royally entertained by our Delta Chi brothers. On the following Saturday, the Wabash boys returned our visit, and our nine was again defeated. After the excitement of the game had subsided, ΣX brothers began a feast of good fellowship. Seventeen attended the theatre in a body and listened to the bewitching "Fantasma." At 12:30 o'clock the train departed, and for an hour before that time we made the old depot ring with familiar ΣX songs, despite the efforts of $K \Sigma$ and barb admirers to quell our expressions of brotherhood. ΣX is represented on both the Wabash and Purdue nines. The former has four and the latter two men. Bro. Goodwin is Captain of the Purdue nine.

Delta Delta is in a most prosperous condition, harmonious within the circles, and in the main successful in the strife for college honors.

DELTA CHI—WABASH COLLEGE.

Among the first autumn melodies to be heard, were the voices of the six boys of Delta Chi who came back a few days before college opened to work for new men. The fruit of their untiring energy is that we now have eight men instead of six. They were assisted in the good work by Bro. Kelso, who stopped over a week while on his way to Chicago, where he goes to attend the Rush Medical College. It gives us a peculiar pleasure to introduce into the fraternity world Arthur P. Huffer, of Muncie, Ind., and Robert P. Lewis, of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Bro. Huffer, as the readers of the October *Bulletin* have read, was "spiked" at Chi Chapter, but was unable to join on account of an unfortunate pledge to another fraternity. Bro. Lewis comes to us a natural Sig, his father being an alumnus of Original Nu Chapter. Both are the *crème de la crème* of the seventy-five new students who entered this year. Delta Chi believes in quality not quantity, and will not initiate a man who she thinks is not of the best to be had. We want brothers, cousins will not do. We are proud of our chapter as it now stands. We have eight men, but we eight are as one.

Delta Chi has mingled considerably this fall with her neighbor brothers. This has been through our college ball games; the first of which was on September 28, when Purdue played Wabash on the latter's ground. Delta Delta came down in a body and their visit was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The Saturday following Wabash returned the game, also did Delta Chi return the visit of Delta Delta and were royally entertained both by the Delta Delta boys and the entrancing band of Sigma Chi supporters of the feminine gender, who are the life of the Ladies' Hall. Delta Chi has a warm place in her heart for Delta Delta and all her connections, both collectively and individually. The next Saturday found us the guests of Xi Chapter, and here are to be found Sigs after one's own heart. Xi was to initiate a new man that night, so in response to an invitation, five brothers from Lambda and several of the alumni of Xi

were at the meeting. A real Sig meeting was held, during which much enthusiasm was manifested. Grand Prætor Shull seized the opportunity and gave a very timely and spirited talk on the necessities and advantages of a provincial convention. The vigorous applause was evidence that his was the meeting's sentiment; and it was there determined that the Fourth Province would hold a convention before this college year passes away. The initiation was followed by a very reflective banquet, after which Delta Chi and Lambda took the train for their respective homes, voting Xi a chapter that knew how to entertain. All these visits have been very pleasant, and Indiana Sigs have been greatly benefited thereby.

Delta Chi grows yearly in the esteem of Crawfordsville society. Only last week were we royally entertained by two of our most charming young ladies. In the centre of the supper table were ΣX in large letters of mistletoe, while the house was shining with blue and gold. Again do we say we are proud of Delta Chi in society, in the class room, in the field, and in fact in all that pertains to college life. Half the ball team are Sigs, and we are well represented in the foot-ball arena.

Since this letter was commenced Bro. Merrill, who has been camping out on the Pacific coast all summer, has returned. We had been informed he would not be with us this year, so we were very agreeably surprised. He reports having met several "Knights of the White Cross" while in the West, which of course led to an interesting conversation.

Delta Chi acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Alpha Tau Chapter, and is glad that they are doing well. Would that we could have more such letters. Delta Chi enjoys receiving letters bearing good news from other chapters. But she has the common complaint to make that she gets precious few. Come now, brace up, fellow-Sigs, and let us know who you are and what you are doing. Our Tribune has, to date, sent out fourteen chapter letters and only received two in return.

From what we have seen, all of the Indiana chapters are in a flourishing condition, and long may they be so is the prayer of Delta Chi.

ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

Centre College, her Faculty and students mourn the sad loss of a son, pupil and fellow-worker in the great vineyard of learning. Yesterday we buried beneath his parent earth W. Davis Irvine, a member of the Senior class of this institution, a Beta Theta Pi, and the representative of his college in the last Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, withal a perfect gentleman. From a friendship akin to fraternal love, I can testify to the singular purity of character that has long characterized the departed friend. With a manly conviction of virtue, obedience, and, in truth, all exalted traits of character, he won that class of friendship that even remorseless death cannot obliterate. As the Fall claimed its sacrifice, so also did the Summer, and by an almost cruel accident.

A. W. Lee paid nature's debt in the turbulent waters of Dick's River. Mr. Lee was of the class of 1892, a Phi Delta Theta. These two deaths are the only ones that have occurred among the students for more than a decade.

Zeta Zeta, we say with gratitude, has lost no men by death; and only one by graduation last year. Again we appear in a new hall, our old quarters having to be vacated by reason of an alteration in the building, but as before each time we are out with a nicer room, the nicest in fact that we have ever been in. It is on the main street of the city and only up one flight of steps.

Fortunate auspices returned eight members. With this number we were content two years ago; thinking our opportunities good if not excellent, we mounted the steeds of conquest, and from the midst of the fight we returned with three captives for our first meeting. Satisfied for the moment we halted, with no rallies, for several days; then again we contested and were victorious. We present, therefore, Allen Logan, of Milledgeville, Ky.; W. J. Vansant, Flemingsburg, Ky.; W. H. Shanks, Stanford, Ky., and Courtney Parmele, Louisville, Ky. These men were secured from a strong but generous rivalry.

Centre College presents additions to her faculty. A wide awake President, more money in her coffers, and more still coming. The inauguration of President Young was one of the chief red-letter days of her very old calendar. Dr. Young's inaugural address was a masterpiece in one and all senses of the word. The toasts responded to at the banquet which followed the exercises at the church represented much of the best brains of the nation. Two governors of great States, senators and congressmen of powerful constituencies, writers of intellectual and pecuniary wealth, doctors of divinity, *ad infinitum*. It was a great day of great men—sons of a common alma mater. This presages no bad future for the Greeks here, it has added new scholars to our rolls, and augmented and enlarged the enthusiasm of those already here. Kentucky's new development demands that her schools and colleges keep fully apace with those of any section. Center College is nobly up in the foremost file.

ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The University of Cincinnati has begun the college year 1889-90, under very auspicious circumstances. By an ordinance of the City Council, forty acres in Burnet Woods, a large park on the outskirts of the city, has been set apart for University purposes. This grant will, however, be null and void unless the University erect suitable buildings within the next three years. At present the question is to secure the necessary funds to carry out this provision. It is thought that there will not be much trouble in securing this in a city so noted for its public-spirited citizens as is ours. As soon as active steps are taken toward erecting any buildings, Zeta Psi will make application for ground on which to erect a chapter-hall. We say "hall," because at present the plans do not include a lodge, owing to the fact that there will be no dormitories allowed in the Park; and again, most of the students live in the city

We may not be able to secure ground owing to a legal technicality in the grant, which says that the ground is to be used for college purposes only. We can only hope that this may be liberally construed for our benefit.

The Freshman class is of about the usual size, and contains quite a large amount of fraternity timber. We rolled up our sleeves and jumped in, and, as a result, five names have been added to our chapter roll. On the night of October 7, Fred. G. Huntington and Henry D. Nichols trod the tortuous and painful path that leads to a membership in Sigma Chi. We had as visitors on that evening Messrs. Howard Ferris, ex-Grand Consul; Oscar W. Kuhn, formerly Grand Prætor of this Province, and Jos. Bowers, formerly of Alpha Gamma Chapter. They were duly impressed by the thorough manner in which the men were "put through." Mr. Nichols is a nephew of Mr. Wm. F. Dodge, whom the old members of Beta no doubt will remember. On the Saturday following, Thos. C. Shotwell, William G. Eaton and William R. Wood were taken into the fold. Taking in five men in one week we regard as pretty good work—especially when they are all good men—and we are now resting and looking for more material.

Our rivals, Beta Theta Pi, have taken in two men. They have changed their tactics from those of last year, and a spirit of friendly rivalry has taken the place of deadly enmity. It is said that Alpha Sigma Epsilon, which seems to be granting charters for the dropping of a "nickel in the slot," will soon enter the University. Let them come on. "The more the merrier."

We have had our present quarters papered and painted, and as renovated they present a very inviting appearance indeed. We still hold our social meetings on the evening of the first Tuesday of each month, and should be glad to welcome at them any Sigs who may be resident in or passing through our city. The latch-string is always out to Sigs. The difficult thing is to get them to come and become acquainted with us. Our Cincinnati alumni need stirring up in that regard.

THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The opening of the year of 1889-90 found Theta Theta a little changed as to membership, but with a fair complement of her old chapter to begin with. Seven Sigs all willing to begin anew the work of last year, and to advance still further the interests of the White Cross assembled together in the house the week before college opened, and prepared for the year's campaign. We miss three faces, whom we expected to see again this year in college; J. L. Bevans has gone to Edinburgh, Scotland, to enter the Medical course at that University; T. T. Gelder has been admitted to partnership in one of Chicago's great law firms, and L. G. Cox was detained by business interests, and was unable to return on that account, but will be in college again next year, and will again lend his assistance to the chapter, and renew his allegiance. Three Sigs from other chapters have become active members of this chapter, Bros. J. S. Shortle, Delta Delta, '87, A. C. Rietbrock, Alpha Lambda, '89, and F. H. Johnson, Al-

pha Kappa, '87, and there are seven other alumni Sigs in the college, at least two of whom will become active. We have initiated two men so far, and offer to the Sigma Chi world E. E. Sullivan, of Detroit, and R. B. Francis, of Peoria, Ill., as members worthy in every respect to wear the White Cross. We have also pledged one man, and he will be a member before this letter appears in print. We have clashed with our rivals on only one man so far, while "rushing" men, and have captured him, and the chapter now contains twelve members, which we believe we will be able to increase at least one-half before the holidays.

The Freshman class in the department numbers about three hundred and fifty, and the total attendance at the University is nearly twenty-one hundred, making this the largest University on this continent. There are twenty-four fraternities represented here, and the total number of fraternity men last year was three hundred and fifty-six, or about one in every five. The University is growing very fast, and advancing in every direction. The course in Electrical Engineering has just been added, so now every art, science and profession, with the exception of sculpture, painting and theology, are taught. The University will soon begin the construction of a seventy-five-thousand-dollar hospital to replace the two now in use, and are considering the purchase of additional ground, the forty acres now owned being clearly insufficient to meet the demands of its rapid growth. A potent factor in this growth has been the presence of so many of the greater fraternities, who have drawn large numbers of students here, and whose houses are quite an addition to the architectural beauty of the city.

In the matter of class and college honors Theta Theta has not been without her share. One of her members originated the class yell, two were marshals of the University procession on Pan-American Day, and one a member on the committee for the selection of class badges. Two are on the University Rugby Eleven, two on the Glee Club, three were in the Tennis Tournament,—one of whom won first prize in the singles,—and one will be in the Minstrels for the benefit of the Gymnasium fund, to be given soon, and probably two. We expect also to have a considerable share in the coming class elections, always the most exciting event of the year.

So it will be seen that Theta Theta's opportunities for success and advancement were never better, and that the opening of the year has been most auspicious, and we expect to exceed our unusually large chapter of last year, and to create new brothers out of the best material at the same time. We hope that all the other chapters are in as good a situation, and that they will have unlimited success this year, and that the fraternity will still continue to advance and spread in pursuance of the policy under which it has grown so remarkably in the past few years, and attained such gratifying results.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Once more Alpha Gamma has passed a mile-stone in her career, and it is with a feeling of pride we pen our notes to the *QUARTERLY*. At the beginning of the college year Alpha Gamma had but seven members, but they were ideal Sigs, good and loyal. Since that time four good members have been added to the list. These are D. E. Miller, senior, L. H. Goddard, junior, W. H. Krumm, and G. R. Williams, of the freshmen class. We now stand seniors one, juniors four, sophomores one, and freshmen five. All are good working members. Several of the fraternities here are larger in numbers than Alpha Gamma, but none contain more good workers in college duties. We go for quality not quantity.

Our University opened this year with a marked increase in attendance, over four hundred students registered this term. Among these is one from Japan, which shows that we are known abroad. The University sustained a great loss in August last by the death of Prof. A. H. Welsh, Professor of English Literature. He had already obtained a national reputation as an author. His *Complete Rhetoric* is used at our foremost universities, Harvard counted among them. Fortunately his place has been filled by an author and an excellent teacher, Jas. Chalmers, formerly of Knox College, Ill. Our new Electrical building is complete and ready for appliances. And we expect to have the Chemical Laboratory ready for operations in the Spring term. We had quite an honor given us recently by the selection of F. L. O. Wadsworth, class of '88, and post-graduate of '89, as Fellow to Clark University at Worcester, Mass.

We have no gymnasium here ; military drill is the only prescribed form of exercise, juniors and seniors being exempt from that. The necessity of a gymnasium is seen every day, and the only method by which we expect to obtain one is by act of our legislature, and as yet no active measures have been taken by that body to provide one, although it has been discussed among them more than once.

ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Alpha Epsilon is prosperous, but in ways that are easier felt than put to words. We have a fine chapter ; every one of the boys is doing good work in the University ; and the social side of life, as usual, is not neglected. We are not prepared to name any new Sigs, partly, perhaps, for the reason that we have invited no one this year. Our colleagues, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta, have initiated respectively one and two men. It is said that another fraternity will soon make its appearance, and will take some seven of their first men from the barbarians. Alpha Epsilon, the oldest chapter in the University, will warmly welcome the youngest, for the boys are our friends, and there is, as yet, no lack of room for us all.

Storrs, of '90, who was very seriously ill, has returned to hard work in the University, and for the chapter. We celebrate. The Rev. Preston, formerly of Kansas, is with us, filling a Congregational pulpit, and taking an elective course.

ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

The College finds itself at last on a fairly comfortable (not luxurious) financial basis. The standard at Beloit has never been lowered a particle, but to keep abreast of the times during the last few years, has taken personal sacrifice on the part of faculty, trustees and friends. We all feel and hope that now Beloit is starting on a course that will bring fulfillment to the longings that have been with her founders and friends for fifty years. The new Academy building is being pushed rapidly along and will be finished next summer.

Athletics have thrived in this glorious Fall weather. The usual inter-class ball games have been played, and resulted in an easy victory for '91. The games for the tennis championship with Madison, both resulted disastrously for our college, but there is consolation to us Sigs in the fact that the doubles were won by the brothers Durand of *A A*. And, by the way, our friendship with Alpha Lambda we value very highly. We christened her in the first place, and since then, through the mediums of ball-field and ball-room, the god-motherly and daughterly feeling has been perpetuated. Oh, the memories of that party at Madison last term, and the converts to the ineffable beauties of co-education!

Alpha Zeta began the year with eleven active members. By graduation we lost Bros. Martin and Russell. The former is Vice-President of the S. K. Martin Lumber Co., of Chicago; the latter is studying law in the office of Winans & Hyzer, of Janesville. Bro. Ingersoll was graduated from college last June, but not from the chapter, and a very active member he is; things do not stagnate at the rooms, in a physical sense at least, when he is there; he is Assistant Postmaster of Beloit. Two other men we have lost prematurely—Bro. Evans to the newspaper calling, and Bro. Eckart to the Rush Medical College. We have gained in turn one man from '93, J. W. Wright, of Watertown, Wis., best man in the class, of course. By the way, some most effective rushing was done in his case for us by two girls, whom we met at Madison. We have strong hopes of another addition to our chapter soon. We have had visits this term, besides those of our own alumni, from Bros. Johnson and Harding, of Alpha Lambda.

Nearly all our boys drove down to Rockford the other evening to hear the Campanini-Whitney concert. Then a pleasant hour or so was spent at the home of Bro. Helm, and, after serenading the Seminary girls, return was made in the chilly morning hours.

The other fraternities here are prosperous. *B Θ Π* has thirteen members; *Φ K Ψ* has nine, and is in a chapter-house. It is to be said, however, that they rent the house and have only a part of it at that.

ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Alpha Theta starts the year with bright prospects. We have now thirteen active members, and there are three graduate members with us. We have initiated but one man so far this year, Murray Warner, '92, who was put through the toils in fine style last week. Bro. Scott favored us with a call, and assisted us in the orgies.

We have four frats to contend against this year, viz., $\Theta \Xi$, $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta T \Delta$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, but we have no fears as to our position, as the strength of ΣX is so well known in the Institute.

The chapter has again taken the suite in the Hotel Clifton, No. 453 Columbus Ave., which it had last year. All brothers will receive a hearty welcome here. There are at present five men living in the apartment. Bro. Cromwell, who graduated last Spring, has returned to the Institute for a two-years course in Civil Engineering, much to our satisfaction. Bro. Pierce, '89, has returned from Canada, and is to stay with us for some time.

The outlook for foot-ball is not as brilliant as it might be. Some of our best men have either left or decided not to play, and Bro. Genner, half-back, and captain of Tech's Eleven, has been injured and will probably be unable to play this year. There is, however, plenty of good green material, and we will probably have a strong team in the field when the season opens.

There are also in the Freshman class of three hundred and fifty plenty of good men available for fraternity members. We have three strong men under consideration.

ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This chapter commenced its college year with seven men, a rather smaller number than usual, but one which we have since increased to twelve. The new men are, W. Collins, C. Cowen, J. Ganve, H. Corley and R. Dooley. These five are the only ones, so far, invited to join us, so that we can boast of five good men with no losses, while both our rivals have been somewhat unsuccessful in the latter respect.

From the opening of the term, the interest of us all centered in the State Oratorical Contest, held at Galesburg, October 5. Bro. R. F. Potter represented this institution, and took the second prize, Monmouth College winning first. Bro. Potter was only one point behind the leader in the total markings, and many in the audience thought that he deserved the first place. Our entire chapter went to Galesburg, and were accompanied by fifty other members of this college, both ladies and gentlemen. While we wanted our orator to secure the leading place, we nevertheless returned home feeling that both our chapter and school had been honored by his effort. J. C. Nate of our chapter was elected president of the State Association for the coming year.

It is probably unnecessary to state that we feel that we are taking our usual advanced stand among the Greek chapters here, in all fields of student endeavor. The other chapters have an equally good opinion of themselves and their own efforts, so that we need not dwell on this point. But it may be mentioned, in support of our own claims, that we hold this Fall the Presidency of two literary associations, and the Vice-Presidency of the third, the Presidency of the college Athletic Association, the Presidency of the State Oratorical Association, the representation of the college in Oratory, and three members of the Senior class to one $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and one $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

In a social way we have had a pleasant gathering at the home of Bro. Potter, where the boys met with their lady friends on September 29, and presented him with an elegantly bound set of *Les Misérables*, before he left for the contest at Galesburg. Our twelve men are well distributed through the classes; our meetings are interesting, especially in the literary part; we are fixing up our hall; and there is a good unity of feeling and purpose.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The University of Wisconsin opened on the 11th of September. The attendance has increased about one hundred. By the removal of the Carr property our lower campus is now clear from buildings, and athletic sports are on the increase.

Eleven of Alpha Lambda's men returned. All were brown and rugged, and showed the good effects of the Summer's rest. Most of us had met in Milwaukee about two weeks before at the G. A. R. Encampment, thirteen of Alpha Lambda's sons being present there at one time. The rushing season opened early here. It has, so far, resulted in the initiation of three men, and the pledging of one more. The three taken in so far are Jesse E. Sarles, of Bos-cobel, Wis., a brother-in-law to Lee B. Durstine, Beta, '78 (now of Des Moines, Ia.), Henry A. Lardner, of Ocomowoc, Wis., and William P. Kemper, of Nash-otah, Wis. They all make good, loyal Sigma Chis.

Alpha Lambda is watching with great interest the actions of our general fraternity. We believe that active aggressive work is what we want, and that it is a good policy to enter schools that promise well early. We hope to hear of the assignment of a convention for the Fifth Province soon. We are always glad to welcome all Sigma Chis, so all Sigs coming near Madison, Wis., will please report at our headquarters.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The school year of 1889-90 opened under very favorable auspices at the University of Kansas. Although the Board of Regents has not yet chosen a Chancellor to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Chancellor Lippincott, yet everything works very smoothly under the management of Vice-Chancellor Spangler and Prof. Snow. The first year of the Preparatory De-

partment has been dispensed with, and, possibly, this has something to do with the character of the new students this year. As a whole, the new students are of a better appearance and better prepared for a college education than those who have entered in former years. Hence fraternity material has been plenty.

As for Alpha Xi, when we returned this Fall we found that eight of our members of last year had returned, and in addition to these Bro. Hair, after an absence of one year, has returned to complete a course in music; and Bro. Cunkle, '87, has entered the Law School, making in all ten men. We have initiated four men, Will H. Riddle, of this city, Arthur H. Crowell, of Baxter Springs, Kas., Preston R. King, of Holton, Kas., and Guy Peckham, cousin of Bro. Taylor, of Seneca, Kas. We have also pledged L. A. Smith, of Oskaloosa, Kas.

On Hallowe'en Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowersock entertained the Sigma Chis and their lady friends with a phantom party. It proved to be a most enjoyable affair, as indeed it always happens, when Mr. and Mrs. Bowersock entertain.

We received a very pleasant visit from Rev. John H. Bright, an alumnus of Chi. Bro. Bright is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Marion, Kas. We were also agreeably surprised by Bro. Kroh suddenly dropping in on us the other day. We always enjoy a visit from a Sigma Chi; it seems to arouse, in some way, a more loyal feeling for our fraternity.

ALPHA OMICRON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Omicron began the session with only three men, but in less than a week we initiated S. Carson Dixon, a freshman; and a short time after this rescued from the arms of a nameless rival, Wm. B. Forsyth, a sophomore. Both these men are staunch Sigs, and we take great pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity.

We lost four men last year, Gurley, Perkins, Leovy and Hayward. Gurley is practicing law, Perkins is studying sugar chemistry, and Hayward holds a position in one of our largest railroad offices. E. D. Fenner has returned to Tulane as a student of Medicine, and has again become an active member of Alpha Omicron.

There are now at Tulane five fraternities besides Sigma Chi, viz.: Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta; the last two named having been founded within a year, and indeed, the Phi Delta Theta during this session. These are all, generally speaking, in good condition, although the membership of one of them, whose members seem to apply the adage, "There is strength in numbers," to fraternities, is not 21, as was gleefully boasted that it would be this year. The fraternity of which we speak is Alpha Tau Omega. The Kappa Alphas here seem to be doing nothing, having *taken in* only one man within two years. Perhaps the barbs have their eyes open a little wider than they used to, who can tell?

ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

On the evening of the twenty-eighth of September, the boys of Alpha Pi met to celebrate their return to "Old Albion," and to plan the annual campaign against the forces of barbdom. It was a jolly crowd; and as we surveyed the situation, it was the universal verdict that we never had brighter prospects for a prosperous and successful year; yet, as we looked into each others faces, a feeling of sadness mingled with that of mirth. Several familiar faces were missing; and we began to realize the fact that three of those who had been loyal and enthusiastic workers ever since that eventful night, three years ago, when Alpha Pi Chapter came into existence, would be with us no more as active members. Royal Sigs they were, and are still. During our meeting a telegram brought us greeting from two of them, Bros. White and Critchett, with the information that they held a Sig meeting that night in Flint, Michigan. We also missed the words of wisdom that were accustomed to fall from the lips of our grave and dignified *frater in facultate*, Springer, who has resigned the Principalship of the Commercial Department here, to accept a position in Cleary's Business College, Ypsilanti, Mich. Of our three graduates of '89, Bro. White is teaching in the High School at Flint, Mich., Bro. Critchett in the Normal School at the same place, and Bro. Ray is employed in his father's office at Jackson, Mich. S. C. Eslow and W. C. Mitchell are also missed from their accustomed places this term.

We began the year with thirteen active members, and if we may judge from our prosperity thus far, we shall effectually refute the old superstition, that thirteen is an unlucky number. The class entering College this year is a large one, but is not characterized by an abundance of good fraternity material. Believing thoroughly in a conservative policy in the choice of men, we have taken very little part in the "rushing" which has characterized the opening of the present term. Consequently, while one of our rivals has initiated three men and the other four, we have not yet taken one. Just at present the impression seems to prevail that we are asleep, but before many days have passed we expect to give most conclusive proof that we are still wide awake in the matter of getting men. Our meetings are enthusiastic, and we are all stirring to maintain that high standard of excellence in the class-room, society and athletics, which ever marked the career of Sigma Chi in Albion College.

The prosperity which has attended the College in former years, still continues with it. Especially is this statement true from a financial standpoint. During the past Summer Hon. H. M. Loud, of Osceola, Mich., gave \$30,000 to endow a Chair of History. The fund for the endowment of an Alumni Professorship has also been materially increased.

ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

As it will undoubtedly be of interest to Sigma Chi to receive good tidings from the young and growing part of her numerous family, Alpha Sigma is glad to state that her present position and future prospects are all that could

well be desired. It is a self-evident truth to experienced fraternity men, that upon the bright and creditable beginning of a chapter such prospects vitally depend. Thus we have endeavored to start, and by this time (the commencement of the second college year of our existence), having had opportunity to judge of what hopes we are entitled to, we believe we have not failed. We are at present established in a good chapter-house, which is pleasantly situated and of ample accommodation for ourselves and all friends who may favor us with a call. At the close of our last year those in our ranks numbered thirteen, but by graduation and unforeseen circumstances, we were thinned down to nine when we returned. Our enthusiasm being renewed by vacation, however, and seeing the necessity of filling up the gap, we have thus far exactly done so by the addition of C. M. Cory, an old member of Delta Chi, now a student in the Law Department, and after an exciting campaign three more, whom we are now proud to present as Bros. Arthur B. Church, Hiram P. Hoyt and R. P. Ward. Still more, we have good assurance, will demand introduction in the next issue.

There has been a recent rumor to the effect that the Minnesota Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, because of some misunderstanding, has seceded from the general fraternity. As to its truth we are not prepared to say. Beta Theta Pi attempted to start a chapter here at the first of the term by pledging men from the City High School before entrance. But since then several of its expectants have appeared with other badges. Quite the most famous event of late, though, has been the combination of the "barbs," self-styled the "Haut-Beaux Club," in the higher classes. Having created, in their excited imagination, a terrible enemy in the shape of fraternities, with the assistance of the Phi Delta Thetas, they have carried the day in everything from the senior and junior class elections to the military and athletic exercises.

As a general thing the other fraternities are prospering, and we have no reason to feel otherwise than pleased, since it has always been our policy to have as agreeable relations as possible with our neighbors. Our social time has been occupied, thus far, with receptions, party gatherings and other enjoyable occasions.

The University as a whole, has never entered upon a new year so auspiciously. The registration of students in all departments is about eight hundred. The old buildings have been renewed by the most modern conveniences. The imposing "Science Hall," and also the new Law Building, are now occupied, and furnished with the best of instructors and means of instruction. The large Physical and Chemical Laboratory, and a good sized building for the steam-heating plant are on their way to completion. Altogether the new buildings and improvements on the campus represent an expenditure of about \$350,000. Thus it is to be seen that our alma mater is advancing rapidly to the front, and from now henceforth need fear no comparison with the best institutions of the land. This includes nearly all the mentionable news among us, and with well wishes to all our brotherhood, and a warm welcome to all who will please us by being visitors, we close.

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

After a very pleasant vacation we are again at the post of duty. Our institution has opened well, having nearly two hundred students, and prospects of a large increase in the Spring session. A Medical Department was to have been opened this session, but has been postponed until next. Our college feels heavily the loss of Professor Graves, our Professor of Mathematics. He came to an untimely death during the vacation. As a mathematician his reputation was national.

Alpha Tau has not been idle this session. Up to this time we have added to our number one man. I now take much pleasure in introducing to the fraternity C. F. Toms, of Hendersonville, N. C. We feel quite proud of our new man. We regret very much having to report the loss of Bros. Clark and Ricks. Bro. Clark is studying medicine at his home, Middleton, N. C. We hope to have him with us next session. Bro. Ricks was with us for a month this session, but received his license at the last session of the Supreme Court, and is now a member of the bar at Nashville, N. C.

Fraternity spirit has been quite high here this year. With a Freshman class of sixty-five, and nine frats, there is quite a rush. Rumor says that the Phi Theta Alpha fraternity, a chapter of which is at this College, has or is to combine with the Beta Theta Pi; however, as to the truth of this we are unable to say. In College politics we are supported by the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu and Kappa Alpha fraternities, the last of which, although not established here, has two very fine men.

Chapel Hill, the seat of the University of North Carolina, is only 28 miles from Raleigh, on the Richmond and Danville R. R. I deem it hardly necessary to say to all traveling Sigs that they will always receive a most cordial welcome if they may be able to respond to the invitation of Alpha Tau.

ALPHA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Alpha Upsilon, for the first time, is permitted to salute her sister chapters through the pages of the *QUARTERLY*. Coming into Sigma Chi life as late as we did last year, and as this school year did not begin until October 1, we find that we have just made a start in the working of the fraternity. We think, however, that we have made a very good start. All four active members have returned to College, and are very enthusiastic in everything relating to Sigma Chi. We are going to make every effort to secure a chapter-house, and we hope in our next letter to be able to report progress in this line. Through the courtesy of Bro. George Sinsabaugh, Sigma Chi now has a tennis court, and we are also trying to organize a foot-ball team. On the night of October 18, the chapter was pleasantly entertained by the ladies of the Delta Gamma fraternity.

The University opens with bright prospects for a large attendance this year, so that everything augurs a very pleasant and profitable year for Alpha Upsilon.

Personalia.

CHARLES T. MURRAY—Lambda, '69—who was well known to the press as a Washington correspondent, and to the literary public as an author, has removed from Washington to New York City, where he is President of the U. S. Ventilator Co. of New York. The office of the company is at 45 Broadway. Mr. Murray will be remembered by the fraternity as having furnished a very interesting paper for the Convention at Columbus, O., in 1886.

DR. HAMILTON STILLSON—Chi, '79—removed recently to Seattle, Washington, where he is engaged in the practice of medicine. His specialties are the eye, ear, nose and throat.

O. B. LEWIS—Alpha Lambda, '84—is now practicing law in the Lumbermen's and Builder's Exchange Building, St. Paul, Minn. The firm is Lewis & Hallam.

H. W. SKINNER—Alpha Lambda, '90—is in the wholesale lumber business in Room 8, Patterson & Thomas Building, Denver, Colo.

F. F. JOHNSON—Alpha Theta, '84—is rejoicing in the arrival of an eight-pound boy at his home in Murray, Idaho.

WILLIAM RAY GARDINER, JR.—Lambda, '88—was appointed by President Harrison, Second Secretary of the U. S. Legation to Japan. Before leaving for his post of duty he was married to Miss Helen Upton Corliss, at Troy, N. Y., October 24, 1889.

THOMAS P. LLOYD—Kappa, '82—is a member of the firm of Lloyd & Co., Commission Merchants, Grocers, Produce and Lumber Dealers, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

HAMILTON S. WICKS—Omega, '72—was delegate to the Paris Exposition to represent the interests of Oklahoma. He is one of the prominent citizens of Guthrie, and profited much during the boom.

A. T. SCHROEDER—Alpha Lambda, '89—is practicing law in Salt Lake City, Utah, at 172 S. Main street.

M. CRESSWELL, JR.—Phi Phi, '76—is engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business at 439 Market street, Philadelphia, Pa.

ED. J. COOK—Alpha Delta, '86—has removed from Springfield, O., and is now Assistant Engineer and Superintendent of the Steam Plant for the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y. He lives at 47 Willow St., Columbia Heights, Brooklyn.

L. L. LOEHR—Alpha Iota, '85—is now Secretary of the Zenith Roller Mill Co., at Bloomington, Ill.

W. H. LIGHTY—Alpha Epsilon, '84—is with the McKinley-Lanning Loan and Trust Co., in Philadelphia, Pa.; their offices are in the Girard Building.

E. C. TRUE—Alpha Kappa, '85—has been Superintendent of Schools for Columbia Co., Wis., for the past year; he resides at Portage, Wis.

PROF. WM. L. DUDLEY—Zeta Psi, '81—has been Professor of Chemistry in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., since 1886. Last year he was Vice President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Chairman of the Section of Chemistry of that organization.

C. M. RUSSELL—Kappa Kappa, '82—is now Special Agent for Northern Indiana of the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company of Detroit, Mich. His headquarters are at Fort Wayne, to which place he recently removed his family.

BENJ. L. MCFADDEN—Omega, '89—has gone into the grain business with his brother, at Havana, Ill.

FERNANDO DE ALBUQUERQUE—Phi, '76—received a *brevete* for ten years from the government of Brazil, in 1877, for the invention of a wood-splitting machine. He has been very successful as a civil engineer, and is now the owner of a large saw mill, and the builder of houses at Sao Paulo, Brazil. He has shown his loyalty to the fraternity by subscribing for the Catalogue and sending us pictures of himself and his beautiful home at Sao Paulo.

CHARLES A. WIGHTMAN—Omega, '85—has retired from the hardware business, and has opened a real estate and insurance office in the University Press Company Building at Evanston, Ill. The fraternity has had evidence of the ability and capacity of Mr. Wightman in his management of the Grand Quæstorship, and in his faithful labors on the Catalogue, and can predict success for him in his new vocation.

HON. GEO. W. CHILDS—Upsilon, '66—presented to the United States Military Academy, on October 3d, portraits of Gens. Grant, Sheridan and Sherman. The *New York World* said these fitting words on the subject :

Mr. George W. Childs' gift of fine portraits of Grant, Sherman and Sheridan to the Military Academy at West Point illustrates anew that gentleman's rare gift of doing the right thing at the right time in the right way. Not many men have the impulse to give and to do public spirited things in so large a measure as he, and still rarer are those who share his genius for seeing what may be best done and how it may be most fitly accomplished. Now that he has hung upon the walls of the Military Academy these portraits of the three great leaders of the Union armies from 1861 to 1865, it is obvious to every intelligence that this was a peculiarly fit and excellent thing to do. But nobody else had the gift to recognize the need and the generosity to supply it. This peculiar grace and quickness of perception have distinguished all of the liberal Philadelphian's benefactions and greatly enhanced their influence. He is a consummate artist in well-doing, and the accomplishment is an exceedingly rare one.

DR. F. J. COMBE—Alpha Omicron, '88—who is now practicing medicine at Brownsville, Texas, was appointed by the Surgeon General of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service to proceed to Tampico, Mexico, and report on the alleged existence of yellow fever at that place. His report was published at length in the *Weekly Abstract of Sanitary Reports*, published by the government on August 23d of the present year.

HENRY T. KENT—Psi, '72—now a lawyer in St. Louis, Mo., delivered an eloquent "Plea for a Homogeneous People and a Stronger National Spirit," before the Society of the Alumni of the University of Virginia last Commencement. The address was published by the society, and, for its patriotic, scholarly and statesman-like utterances, deserves a very careful reading. Mr. Kent is an orator of whom the University and the fraternity are proud.

THE WESTMINSTER HOTEL, East Sixteenth St., near Union Square, New York, is one that we can recommend with pleasure. Sigma Chis will always receive a warm greeting there, for one of the proprietors is **WILLIAM WALTER SCHENCK**, who was a member of Alpha Delta Chapter, class of 1888.

RUFUS E. SHAPLEY—Omicron, '60—has done an exceptionally valuable piece of work in his compilation of the revenue laws of the State, which has just been printed. There is probably no one more competent to perform such a task well and completely than Mr. Shapley, as he enjoys a rare familiarity with the revenue laws and the judicial decisions which have grown out of them. This compilation abounds in explanatory notes and references, and all there is of existing revenue law and the judiciary interpretation of it is given in a thoroughly intelligent and comprehensive way. It will be indispensable not only to attorneys, but to all who are assessed for taxation under these acts.—*Philadelphia Enquirer*, Oct. 11, 1889.

DR. J. J. WEAVER, Jr.—Theta, '67—was temporary chairman of the recent Maryland Republican Convention. With his wife and daughter he made an extended tour of Europe during the Summer.

N. C. MCPHERSON—Theta, '89—is taking a course in electrical engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Last year he received a prize of \$50 for the third best essay on a subject assigned for competition among the seniors of the colleges in the United States, by the Protective Tariff League. There were about fifty competitors.

The following Sigma Chis were delegates to the Presbyterian Synod of Ohio, which met at Toledo in October: **REV. D. D. BIGGER, D.D.**—Epsilon Epsilon, '75; **REV. A. L. SHARPLESS**—Chi, '74; **REV. J. M. SIMONTON**—Chi, '75; **REV. L. L. OVERMAN**—Beta, '75; and **REV. EDGAR W. WORK**—Beta, '84. The five were entertained for dinner at the elegant new home of **HON. O. S. BRUMBACK, Ex-Grand Consul** of the fraternity.

Wooster University has two members of the fraternity on its Board of Trustees—**REV. D. D. BIGGER, D.D.**, of Tiffin, O., and **REV. EDGAR W. WORK**, of Van Wert, O.; the latter was elected at the last meeting of the Ohio Synod.

REV. W. E. FREEMAN—Beta, '74—has just accepted a call to the Baptist Church of Lima, O.

DANL. GEHR—Theta, '85—is now practicing law with great success in Chambersburg, Pa.

C. C. BALDWIN, JR.—Omicron, '89—is in the office of his uncle, C. C. Baldwin, in New York City.

MORRIS E. SWARTZ—Omicron, '89—entered Drew Theological Seminary this Fall. He expects to go to China as a missionary.

FRANCIS A. PAXSON—Omicron, '89—is with a wholesale commission house at Philadelphia and Chester, Pa.

W. A. MILLARD—Omicron, '89—expects to study law at Cleveland, O.

F. W. MCCOMAS—Omicron, '92—is in the insurance business with his father at Hagerstown, Md.

The President has appointed **JOSEPH P. THROOP**—Lambda, '71—of Paoli, Orange County, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Seventh District of Indiana, *vice* Gen. Mahlon D. Mason, resigned. Mr. Throop was indorsed for the position by such well-known Republicans of the State as Representative Posey, the State officers, District Attorney Chambers, Third Auditor Hart, B. Wilson Smith and Messrs. Durbin, Dudley, Houston, Ransdell, Hellman, Irwin, Brackston, Mowry, the DePauws and Harry Adams, and his appointment is considered by republicans here as an excellent one. He is described as a "Republican hustler from way back." Mr. Throop was born in Paoli, Ind., in 1846. His early life was spent upon a farm. He enlisted as a private soldier in Company B, of the Twenty-fourth Indiana. Governor Hovey's regiment, early in the Summer of 1861, his company being the first one organized in the county, and served throughout the war as a private. After coming home from the war he completed his education in the Literary and Law Departments of the State University at Bloomington entirely by his own exertions, his father having died poor. He practiced law for several years, but the profession being distasteful to him he abandoned it and has since devoted himself to newspaper work and farming. When the office of County Superintendent was first established he was made Superintendent for one term. He has been Chairman of the County Central Committee of this county for thirteen consecutive years. Under his management, which was assumed at a time when there was not a Republican officer in the county, and a Democratic majority of 350, the county was made reliably Republican, until now there not a Democrat in office. Last fall President Harrison received 135 majority in the county, it being the first time when any presidential candidate, other than a Democrat, ever received a majority of its votes. He has always been prominent in all temperance and moral movements in the community, and is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen.—*Exchange.*

J. F. CLARK—Omicron, '98—is now attending Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Baltimore, Md.

W. L. OREM—Omicron, '90—has been very successful with his ministerial charge in St. Mary's County, Md.

L. D. SYESTER—Omicron, '92—has charge of the reportorial department of the Cumberland (Md.) *Times*.

EDWIN A. BARBER—Phi, '78—formerly Superintendent of Station B, the West Philadelphia Postoffice, and later Secretary of the Local Board of Civil Service Examiners, is now the Agent of a Western Investment Company. He is well known both in this country and abroad for his scientific attainments, and has made numerous contributions to the publications of the United States Government. Tobacco pipes are one of his hobbies and he has a curious and valuable collection of Japanese pipes, which were presented to him by the University of Tokio.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 18, 1899.

THOMAS JOYES—Sigma Sigma, '77—of Jefferson County, was born February 14, 1858, in Louisville, Ky. He attended the schools there until 1875, when he went to Hampden-Sidney College, where he graduated in 1877. In 1878-9 he was a student in the University of Virginia, and in 1880 he went to the Law School of Louisville, Ky., where he graduated in 1881, receiving the first honors of his class. He then began the practice of law in his native city and remained there until 1885, when he came to Montana, settling in Helena. He went to Boulder in 1886 and shortly after removing there he was elected County Attorney, a position he held for two years with credit to himself and county. He was renominated for the position last Fall, but went down with the wreck with other democrats in the territory. He was nominated for a member of the constitutional convention in the eleventh district and elected. Mr. Joyes is an ardent Democrat and always works for the advancement of his party.—*The Daily Independent*, Helena, Mont., August 11, 1899.

A. S. KEMP—Theta, '71—while at a hotel in Switzerland last Summer heard some one say, "By thunder, there is a Sigma Chi." He was soon engaged in giving the grip to C. C. Baldwin of Omicron, who was delighted to see the old badge at such a distance from home. John B. McPherson, who reported this incident to us, aptly remarks that "it shows the importance of wearing the badge,—or carrying the banner on the outer wall."

REV. W. S. MATTHEW, D.D.—Omega, '76—has resigned his position as Dean of the University of Southern California, and accepted a call to the Methodist Church of Danville, Ill.

C. B. EYER—Theta Theta, '88—who has recently built a fine home in Evanston, Ill., rejoiced on the arrival, October 6, of a daughter.

C. W. VERMILION—Theta Theta, '89—was recently admitted to the Iowa Bar and is now a member of the firm of Vermillion, Tannehill & Vermillion, Attorneys, Centerville, Iowa.

JAMES L. BEVANS—Theta Theta, '89—has entered the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and will take the Medical course.

L. G. COX—Theta Theta, '89—is a member of the firm of Graves & Cox, Haberdashers, Lexington, Ky.

J. O. BALLARD—Phi, '88, Alpha Gamma, '86, and Theta Theta, '89—is studying Medicine at the University of Michigan, this year being his second in the course.

E. C. DAVIDSON—Delta Delta, '88—is studying Medicine at the University of Michigan

S. P. DOMER—Lambda, '84—is studying Law at the University of Michigan.

J. N. EDMONSON—Theta Theta, '89—is a practicing attorney in Dallas, Texas.

C. S. REILLEY—Theta Theta, '89—is practicing Law in Bay City, Mich.

JAMES A. MUIR—Theta Theta, '89—is practicing Law in Port Huron, Mich.

A. BENEDICT—Theta Theta, '89—is studying Law in Rochester, N. Y.

M. E. STEVENS—Theta Theta, '89—is a practicing attorney at Trinidad, Col.

TOLMAN T. GELDER—Theta Theta, '89—is a member of the firm of Gentleman, Richolson, Nolan & Gelder, Attorneys, Opera House Building, Chicago.

L. L. SUTTON—Mu, '89—is studying Law and working in his father's bank at Attica, O.

H. C. STILWELL—Mu, '89—Grand Prætor of the Third Province, is in business with his father in the Stilwell & Bierce Manufacturing Co., at Dayton, O.

WILL RICHARDSON—Mu, '88—is attending the Y. M. C. A. School at Springfield, Mass.

JAMES BALDWIN—Mu, '92—is now located at Colgate University, Madison, N. Y.

CLAUDE P. JONES—Mu, '90—is studying Medicine. He may be addressed at No. 9 Bellingham Street, Chelsea, Mass.

GEORGE DORSEY—Mu, '88—has entered Harvard University to prosecute a post graduate course for the degree of Ph.D.

W. E. ENOCHS—Eta, '91—is in the lumber business with his brothers at Jackson, Miss.

H. T. GAINES—Eta, '91—is in the mercantile business with his uncle at Pittsboro, Miss.

I. H. STERNBERGER—Eta, '91—is in business at Amite City, La.

G. H. VINEYARD—Eta, '91—is teaching school near Vineyard, Ark.

G. H. WARFIELD—Eta, '91—is farming at his home near Lexa, Ark.

E. M. BEASLEY—Eta, '92—is taking medical lectures at Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

C. J. GEE—Eta, '92—is very ill at his home near Carrollton, Miss.

STEPHEN THRASHER—Lambda, '59—was renominated for the State Senate from Claiborne Co., Miss., this Fall.

GEORGE S. DODDS—Beta Beta, '76—returns to the State Senate from Copiah Co., Miss.

A. H. LONGINO—Beta Beta, '75—is practicing Law now at Greenwood, Miss.

J. M. JAYNE—Zeta, '70—was nominated for the State Senate from Washington Co., Miss.

WILLIAM BUCHANAN—Nu, '74—returns to the State Senate from Rankin Co., Miss.

J. C. KYLE—Nu, '74—is a member of the Miss. R. R. Commission and of the State Board of Control of Mississippi.

GERARD BRANDON—Eta, '82—received 64 votes for Superintendent of Education at last Democratic State Convention of Mississippi without a canvass.

ANDREW B. DUVALL—Epsilon, '67—one of the Vice Presidents of the Alumni Association of the Columbian University, delivered an address last Commencement before the Columbian College and the Corcoran Scientific School. He treated the subject—"The Manhood of the Individual, the Type and Index of Civilization," in a way which marks him as a very philosophical thinker, a brilliant rhetorician, and a *litterateur* of a high order.

JOHN T. McCUTCHEON—Delta Delta, '89—is now an Artist on the Chicago *Daily News*, morning edition.

CHARLES DENBY, JR.—Sigma, '82—is new with the United States Legation at Peking, China.

Concerning ALANSON S. APPLETON—Omega, '76 :

A rather amusing anecdote is told here at one of the clubs regarding this world's fair business, and an American literary gentleman, Mr. Alanson S. Appleton, head of "the literary movement of Chicago," and author of "The New Awakening, or the Social Movement of the Nineteenth Century." Mr. Appleton, it seems, lives in rather sumptuous style on Michigan Avenue, the main boulevard of Chicago, surrounded by the oil-portraits of his ancestors and other luxurious bric-a-brac, and when the committee called to ask him to write an address which they proposed to issue to the citizens of New York and England, where his family is most prominently identified, they found the *litterateur*, who is a small man with a dark beard, surrounded by all this magnificence and rather gorgeously arrayed in a red necktie and black velvet jacket, gold eye glasses, light trousers and patent-leather shoes.

Their surprise was somewhat awakened when, after being ushered in by a colored butler who had met them with a card-receiver at the door, they were informed by Mr. Appleton that his price for the address would be \$10,000 !

"But, said the committee, "is not that pretty high?"

"Why," said Mr. Appleton, with a smile, "you would think nothing of paying \$10,000 to a railroad for transporting a few tons of woodwork or machinery to your exposition, and what kind of comparative estimate do you place on the value of an address which is expected to inspire enthusiasm in the breasts of some 60,000,000 of people, and have a direct influence upon transporting to Chicago hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property, as well as the sympathy and coöperation of a large part of the civilized world? Does inspiration count for nothing?"

The upshot of the matter was that, as Mr. Appleton explained to the committee, though it had been the custom of many writers in the past—and, he regretted to say, especially those of a higher order of ability than his own—to peddle out their ideas to the world at a mere gratuity, that was not his style; he usually got paid for his work, and well paid too (evidence of which the committee certainly had in his surroundings); but, in the present case, it would afford him pleasure to consider the address which they desired as his contribution to the Christopher Columbus celebration. The address was written, and, as the story goes, brought down upon Appleton's Bureau of Writers and the weekly papers run in connection therewith, more applications for literature for railroads, steamships and other corporations than the editors could dispose of in a year. Mr. Appleton is President of the Authors' and Travelers' Club, of Chicago, and, besides producing constantly literary work of a high order of merit, is engaged in various successful business enterprises.

THE following special dispatch concerning REV. C. E. MORSE—Chi, '87—was printed in the Chicago *Tribune* of November 15 :

At an adjourned meeting of the Freeport Presbytery held in the South Presbyterian Church in Galena, Ill., the Rev. C. E. Morse and the Rev. G. A. Mitchell were ordained ministers of the Presbyterian Church. In the evening Mr. Morse was installed as pastor of the South Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson of Chicago preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. A. C. Smith, President of Parsons College, Iowa, delivered the charge to the people, and the Rev. W. B. Irwin, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Freeport, gave the charge to the pastor. The church was filled and the ceremonies were impressive.

THE *American Art Journal* of New York contained in its issue of last August 8, a portrait and extended sketch of the life of PROF. CARL MERZ—Beta, '83—of the University of Wooster, O. We quote: "The profession of music can justly feel proud that it has among its ranks such a highly endowed member; one who, by nature gifted with a keen intellect, possessed of a genuine musical organization has been indefatigable in his effort to promote the pure and good in music, whose private life is spotless, and whose disposition is kind, charitable and generous. May he be granted a long life and enjoy the honor and esteem which he now holds among the profession of music."

HON. DAVID K. WATSON—Gamma and Omicron—has escaped harmless from the Republican wreck in Ohio, and will soon enter upon his second term as Attorney General of the State.

J. R. SCOTT—Theta, '88—is now studying law at Gettysburg, Pa., under the direction of Judge Wills.

In the souvenir edition of the *Poughkeepsie Eagle* for 1889, which is a credit to it in size, typography, and every other respect, we find a biographical sketch and portrait of VEN. ARCHDEACON H. L. ZIEGENFUSS (Theta, '66), Rector of Christ Episcopal Church. We clip the following paragraph from the sketch :

Mr. Ziegenfuss is an able preacher. In very close sympathy, both in theological and ecclesiastical sentiment, with the present bishop of the diocese, he represents in our city the broad church tendencies of his denomination, and both as a clergyman and a citizen the most progressive elements in the life of a community of which he has made himself one of the most influential members.

The *Pennsylvania College Monthly* says of the editor of its Alumni Department—REV. CHARLES R. TROWBRIDGE, the first Editor-in-Chief of the Sigma Chi :

In Mr. Trowbridge we expect to find an equally efficient associate, and we regard the choice of the Alumni an especially fortunate one. We welcome him to the editorial staff, and shall always be glad to hear from him. His manuscript is not unknown to the printer, and he will be glad to have more of it.

The majority of JUDGE JOSEPH G. HUFFMAN—Gamma, '68—in his recent contest for the Common Pleas Judgeship of the District comprising Perry, Hocking and Fairfield Counties, O., was over ten thousand. He ascended the bench on the first Monday in December.

HOLLAND W. BAKER—Omega, '77—is now stationed at Madison, Ind., where he is engaged in inspecting a large number of barges which are being built at that city for the U. S. Government.

REV. S. A. CORNELIUS—Beta, '82—passed through Chicago on November 23 *en route* to Santa Cruz, Cal., where he will assume the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church. As his salary will be double what it was at Philipsburg, Pa., we congratulate him on this substantial recognition of his merit.

WILLIAM B. STERLING—Alpha Lambda, '84—has just been appointed U. S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota. We congratulate him on attaining such an honor so early in his professional career. Mr. Sterling is an active politician, being Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee.

D. R. WILLIAMS—Alpha Zeta, '91—during the Summer, was Mackinac correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune* and Grand Rapids *Telegram-Herald*.

S. B. HARDING—Alpha Lambda, '90—is draughtsman for the Milwaukee Bridge Co. at Wauwatosa, Wis.

FRED TIBBITS—Alpha Lambda, '89—returned to the University of Wisconsin for three weeks and then left for Debeque, Col., on account of poor health.

FRANK PITTMAN—Alpha Lambda, '89—has accepted a position as druggist in Mineral Point, Wis.

HON. CHAUNCEY B. RIPLEY, LL.D.—Kappa, '64—of New York City, is prominently mentioned as a successor to the late Judge Nixon who was Judge of the United States Circuit Court.

ORLANDO W. SPRATT—Kappa, '61—who is Business Manager of the American Baptist Publication Society in Philadelphia, was a delegate to the Baptist General Association of Pennsylvania held at Lewisburg, October 21 to 24.

FRED B. COZZENS—Omega, '91—is foreman of the printing office of *The Lever*, a prohibition weekly published at 123 La Salle Street, Chicago. CHARLES L. STEVENS—Omega, '89—is connected with the business management of the same paper.

Three of Omega's sons, B. M. WREDEX, '89; O. M. HOWARD, '89; and JOHN J. NUTT, '90, sailed October 16 for Europe. They will spend the winter and possibly next summer in travel and sight seeing.

ED. L. SHUMAN—Omega, '87—is the President of the University Press Co., at Evanston, a corporation that publishes three weekly papers, two large monthly magazines, and does a large job printing business.

CHARLES S. HUGHES—Gamma, '82—has been Private Secretary to the Chief Engineer of the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Company, at Kansas City, Mo., since 1887.

Marriages.

GEORGE WILLIAM BEATTY—Alpha Gamma, '86—was married on October 2, 1889, in Washington, D. C., to Miss Hannah Virginia Hayward; they have been at home to their friends since November 6, at 151 East Third Avenue, Columbus, O.

REV. B. FRANK BROOKS—XI, '77—who is now located at Snohomish, Wash., was married August 28, 1889, to Miss Emma Ault, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of that city.

The many friends of CLARENCE S. PELLET—Alpha Zeta, '84—will be interested in this excerpt from the *Chicago Tribune*:

The marriage of Miss Carolyn I. Starring, daughter of Mrs. D. C. Herrick, and Mr. C. S. Pellet took place Nov. 7, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herrick, No. 706 Walnut Street, Oak Park. Mr. L. W. Crow acted as best man and the bridemaid was Miss Zimmerman. The wedding was quiet, invitations being issued only to the relatives and immediate friends of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Pellet left for a trip to the East, and will be at home to their friends after December 1 at No. 802 Linden Avenue, Oak Park.

The wedding of WILLIAM WILSON IRWIN—Zeta Zeta, '81—was distinctively a Sigma Chi affair. The best man was Albert W. Mayers—Gamma, '85, and two of the ushers—Robert Hazlett and Charles W. List—were members of Alpha Gamma and Phi Phi Chapters respectively. Even the maid of honor and the bridemaids are said to be a loyal members of the fraternity:

A very novel wedding occurred at the Second Presbyterian Church, on which occasion Mr. W. W. Irwin and Miss Mary Ott became man and wife. The day was a beautiful one, and the ladies especially turned out *en masse* to see the bridal. The church decorations consisted of a bank of palms and other potted plants and flowers, which reached the entire length of the choir loft across the pulpit platform. Every seat in the church was occupied and all the available standing room was taken up. Miss Nellie Storer, the organist, played a number of airs during the arrival of the guests, and a few minutes after 2:30 o'clock the introductory to the Lohengrin wedding march announced the entrance of the bridal party. As the doors were thrown open the boy choir of the church, assisted by the male quartette, under direction of Prof. J. M. Hammond, sang the sweet words of the composition, as the party proceeded up the aisle. The ushers, Mr. Robert Hazlett, ΣX ; Dr. J. E. Belleville, Mr. Chas. W. List, ΣX ; and Mr. Harry O. Ott, brother of the bride, led the way, followed by the groom and his best man, Mr. A. W. Mayers, ΣX of Millersburg, Ohio. The bridemaids, Miss Jennie Baird, Miss Nellie Hazlett, of Washington, Pa., Miss Annie Cummins and Miss Florence Ott, a cousin of the bride, came next, followed by the bride and maid of honor, Miss Laura Cooper. The ladies were all attired in walking costumes of various shades of broadcloth, the bride's being of very becoming dark green, with hat to match. Rev. W. H. Cooke, D.D., pastor of the church, was the officiating minister, and in an impressive manner the ceremony was carried out. The Mendelssohn march was played as the party retired. They were shortly afterwards driven to the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Henry O. Ott, on Sixteenth Street, where a brief reception was held of a very pleasant character, the bridal party and a few relatives and immediate friends participating. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are both popular members of Wheeling society, and the high esteem in which they are held was well attested by the very handsome list of elegant presents they received. They left on the 4:20 Panhandle train for Kentucky, where they will visit Mr. Irwin's home; after which they will return and take apartments on South Chapline Street, in which part of the city Mr. Irwin is engaged in business, he being among the foremost and most prosperous young business men in the city. The warmest wishes follow him and his bride.—*Wheeling Register*, Sunday, Oct. 20, 1889.

S. R. IRELAND—Theta Theta, '89—of the firm of Ireland & Ireland, attorneys, Ashland, Ky., was married October 23 to Miss Rosalie A. Roberts, at Evansville, Ind.

PAUL FENIMORE CLARK—Alpha Epsilon, '87—was married to Mary Lucile Roberts, September 13, 1889. They are now residing at 445 North Twenty-seventh Street, Lincoln, Neb.

D. E. MONRO—Mu, '87—was married September 13, 1889, to Miss Fanny B. Medill, of Lancaster, O. A. D. Eldridge—Mu, '87—acted as groomsman and Miss Cora Rigby, of Columbus, as bridesmaid. J. E. Amos—Mu, '89—was among the guests at the wedding. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. B. Hervey, President of the Granville Female College; the friendship of the contracting parties originated at a Sigma Chi gathering, when both of them attended college at Granville. Mr. Munro is engaged extensively in manufacturing and farming at Elbridge, N. Y.

ERNEST B. FOLSOM—Alpha Beta, '89—will be married in December, and will visit his old chapter at Berkeley, Cal., on his wedding trip. Mr. Folsom is now dealing in lumber at Carson City, Nevada.

CARL CLAYTON LAW—Kappa, '85—of Pittsburg, Pa., was married on October 17 to Miss Annie Overholt, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

R. B. JESUP—Omega, '80—was married September 4 to Miss Rosa Keys, at Vincennes, Ind.

FRANK WINGER—Alpha Lambda, '89—was married in Madison, Wis., and went to Kansas City, Mo., where he is a bookkeeper for a large firm.

HARRY L. SAYLER—Xi, '85—was married to a young lady of Shelbyville, Ind., in October.

C. B. RICHARDS—Eta, '82—was married September 18, 1889, at Hernando, Miss., to Miss Corinne Holloway, of Scypples, Ark., by the Rev. Mr. Lumpkin.

GEO. R. WOOD—Mu, '88—was married last August to Miss Lilla Merrifield, at Mendota, Ill.

MAURICE DUPONT—Alpha Theta, '88—who belongs to one of the rich families of powdermakers in Delaware, has been married to "Tottie" Fitzgerald, the beautiful barmaid of the Queen's Hotel at Queenstown. News of the strange marriage reached New York from Queenstown to-day. Every one who has landed at Queenstown this summer has been struck with "Tottie's" beauty. She is the daughter of a Kerry County farmer, who went to Queenstown to be a barmaid. June 1 the Cunard steamship *Etruria* landed young Maurice Dupont at Queenstown. He was accompanied by his brother, L. C. Dupont, and his aunt, with several of her children. They stopped at the Queen's Hotel. "Tottie" at once attracted the attention of the two brothers. Maurice was clearly smitten at first sight, for, after two weeks sojourn, the family left for England, but Maurice contrived to separate himself from the rest of the company and returned to practice before "Tottie's" bar. After dinner he often sipped his cup of coffee outside the bar, where he could converse with the pretty maid behind it; and it is said in the hotel that during a rush of business the handsome young millionaire had been known to assist "Tottie" behind the counter in serving drinks. The people began to say that "Tottie" had captured the American millionaire. This made a profound sensation. Nine days afterwards the young American sailed from Queenstown for New York on the Guion steamer *Arizona*, promising to return on the Teutonic, which would leave New York the 18th of September. Within a week after Mr. Dupont had sailed "Tottie" left the Queen's Hotel and proceeded to Cork, where she took up her abode with her aunt, awaiting her lover's return. The young man was as good as his word. The Teutonic touched at Queenstown before daylight September 25. He had evidently been apprised of "Tottie's" departure from Queenstown, for he took the mail train to Cork, and was soon installed in the Imperial Hotel. He told the happy girl that he had brought the consent of his relatives to their marriage. He made her several handsome presents. The bans were published. As soon as her dresses could be made they went to the church and—"so they were married." Mr. and Mrs. Dupont left at once for Dublin, en route for Switzerland, where they will spend several months before returning to

New York. It is said that "Tottie's" education will be improved during her stay in Switzerland. Maurice Dupont belongs to the distinguished family which, with the Bayards and Saulsbury's, has made the little State of Delaware famous. It is a numerous family and wealthy. There are no poor Duponts; every one that is born is heir to riches and begins to enjoy the best that the world affords with the first drawing of breath. Maurice is a direct descendant of Eleuthere Irene Dupont, who had a narrow escape from the guillotine during the red days of Robespierre's reign of terror in Paris. His father and himself were both marked for the headsman, and their time was close at hand when Robespierre's fall changed the order of things and opened their prison doors. They came to America in the latter part of 1799.—*Exchange*, Nov. 8, 1889.

Obituary.

WM. H. HYNDMAN—Beta, '90—died October 28, at the home of his parents in Cincinnati, of acute pneumonia. Bro. Hyndman was a most enthusiastic Sig, always looking to the advancement of the interests of the fraternity, both while a student at Wooster and afterward as an alumnus in Cincinnati. He felt a warm interest in Zeta Psi, and was always contriving some plan to increase the usefulness of the chapter. In him the fraternity loses an enthusiastic member and Zeta Psi Chapter a warm friend and supporter. A Cincinnati paper says:

In the death of Will H. Hyndman, at the early age of twenty-two, the ranks of the younger business men of the city have met with a loss which will long be felt. Upon the completion of his studies at the University of Wooster, he found a field for his natural business abilities with the firm of W. G. Hyndman & Co., and during the past year up to the time of his death was one of the firm of T. L. Findley & Co., of Seventh street. He was an ardent and active college fraternity man, and was one of the most enthusiastic Sigma Chis of the city. Mr. Hyndman was married, and was the youngest brother of Robert J. and Dr. James G. Hyndman.

It is with profound regret that we notice in the Washington (D. C.) *Evening Star* of November 21, 1889, a notice of the death of HON. BENJAMIN G. LOVEJOY, an early member of Epsilon Chapter, and a charter member of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter:

Benjamin G. Lovejoy, one of the best known citizens of Washington, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning, at his residence, 903 Twelfth Street northwest. Mr. Lovejoy has been confined to his bed since Friday week, but no apprehension was felt among his many friends until a few days ago, since which time he has been growing rapidly weaker and passed away this morning. Mr. Lovejoy has been more or less of an invalid for some years, but, with indomitable perseverance, has continued his work. The present attack was brought on by exposure to the recent bad weather and involved the tissues of the spinal cord and other nervous tissues. Mr. Lovejoy was unmarried, but had his brother, Dr. Lovejoy, and the immediate family in constant attendance at his bedside. The deceased was born in this city in the same house in which he died. He graduated at the Columbia College, and for a time after graduation acted as a tutor at that institution, afterwards studying law under the late Philip Fendall. After finishing the course he took up the practice of law and was immediately successful, being appointed Assistant District Attorney under Gen. Carrington. Mr. Lovejoy was a strong and clear writer. He was for many years managing editor of the *Capital* under Don Platt, and also conducted the *National Union*, a campaign paper started in 1876. He acted for many years as school trustee for the District, only resigning on the curtailment of the authority of the school board. He has since been engaged most successfully in the practice of his profession, having been recently appointed, in conjunction with William Stone Abert to compile the laws of the District of Columbia. Mr. Lovejoy was the author of a life of Bacon, which has reached a large circulation, having been reprinted in England. The dead man's large circle of friends will be shocked and grieved to hear of his unlooked for death.

MYRON Q. McCUNE—Kappa Kappa, '86—died at Ipava, Ill., May 21, 1889.

NATHAN E. VENABLE—Psi, '82—died at Old Beach, Va., September 14, 1889.

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
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SIGMA CHI IN THE COLLEGES.

FIFTY-NINE colleges and universities make up the roll of educational institutions into which Sigma Chi has entered. Beginning in that mother of Greeks, Miami University, in 1855, its growth has been even and steady. The accidents of life have taken away some of its chapters, and others have fallen at the decrees of hostile college legislation, but its course has ever been upward, and to-day its present beatitude and future promise ought to cause every member to rejoice. Starting west of the Alleghanies and at a time when the leading New England colleges were already filled with Greeks, whether wisely or not, she made no effort to contest the ground so fully and well occupied. Her first chapters were chartered in such institutions in the Middle and Southern States as she could most easily reach and that had not been fully occupied by other fraternities. Her territory since then has been extended westward. Only in one instance, and that under exceptional advantages, has she entered New England.

The New England colleges—many of them—for more than a generation had had secret societies, and the power and control of these societies were fully established. To enter such institutions implied the planting of chapters composed largely of refused material. In the Middle, Southern and Western States institutions were arising that were largely unoccupied, and which gave full promise of becoming in due time worthy competitors of the New England institutions. Into this field Sigma Chi cast her lot.

She also, at an early day, recognized the transition that was and is now taking place in the educational institutions of our country. While for a time she planted her chapters in the denominational colleges, and while she yet does the same under exceptionally promising conditions, most of her late chapters have been established in the State universities where large endowments and unlimited resources give these newer institutions facilities for imparting knowledge possessed even yet by but few of the long-established denominational schools. Most of these State universities, founded in recent years, will have a development limited

only by the will and resources of their respective commonwealths. In some of them there is the practical realization of what Jefferson had in view when he outlined the charter for the University of Virginia. While in most of them that ideal has not yet been reached, yet the present outlook and the actual growth of these State (and of some munificently endowed denominational and non-State) institutions indicate that they are undoubtedly destined to become seats of universal learning, and hence to become fully entitled to the title that they now receive, viz., that of Universities. They will at no distant day pass from the mere expression of a grand purpose to the recognized list of fully developed universities. The denominational colleges, by reason of their origin, are limited in their field and in their work. Born of denominational fervor they were planted for limited work. *They were founded to shade and color knowledge.* They were to abridge the right of private judgment. They were to propagate special opinions. They were to mould religious opinion on the lines of catechisms and confessions; to bias and cause to be favorably received ancestral thought; hence to destroy freedom of inquiry, and consequently predestinate the religious opinions of their students. A comparative study of religious beliefs was done, if done, in order to fortify the special dogmas of the denominational creed. It can, however, be said, and ought to be said, that in that they taught learning and science, and in that the ethics of the Christian religion is common to all religious bodies, they, outside of their special tenets and regardless of them, do and have done a lasting and beneficial work.

But the outlook now is that, especially in the Western States, institutions of a wider mould will receive the larger patronage, and that many of these theological gymnasia will become secondary as educational centres. The question is gradually arising in many minds, whether the special theology taught in them might not well be left to the test of the survival of the fittest, as it would be when brought in contact with a more general consensus of religious opinion, in the larger and less special presentations of ethics and of the historical facts pertaining to Christianity.

Should the time come when this question can be answered in the affirmative (and that day will probably be not far distant), then there will be fewer institutions big in name but meagre in performance. Pennsylvania, for example, may find it expedient to dispense with a part of the waste of men and money now going on within her borders in her attempt to maintain twenty-seven colleges and so-called universities, twenty-three of which are denominational; and Ohio with a part of her thirty-three like institutions, thirty of which emphasize special religious opinions as a specialty in their work.

Sigma Chi has found an opening suited to her breadth in these Western and Southern institutions. Sixteen of them have opened their doors and she has entered. The State Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Texas, California, Ohio, Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama are upon her roll, and although in several of them her chapters have been temporarily suspended, they will probably be revived. It will be a wise policy if she continues to early occupy the ground in such as are yet to spring up in the newly-made States. Surrounded as they are, or will be, by conditions that foster rapid maturity, they will soon reach a standard which, in the older States, ordinarily can only be attained by time.

Denominational schools *per se* have not been held in disfavor by Sigma Chi. Thirty-three such institutions have had her charters. The fact indeed is, that she has been more kindly disposed to them than they to her. Fourteen of these thirty-three chapters have from various causes ceased to exist. It must be said, however, that to-day some of our best and oldest chapters are found in these institutions. Wooster University, Hanover, Wabash and Centre Colleges among the Presbyterians; Ohio Wesleyan, De Pauw, Illinois Wesleyan, Northwestern, and Southern California Universities, and Dickinson College among the Methodists; Beloit College among the Congregationalists; Pennsylvania College among the Lutherans, and Lehigh University of the Protestant Episcopal Church are all institutions of a high order, and most of them are so well endowed as to enable them to secure able professors and all needful accessories for successful work. Certain it is, these institutions have proved themselves to be good ground for Sigma Chi, and given life, and in most cases long life, to the chapters planted in them. And of the fourteen denominational colleges in which the chapters have surrendered their charters, it should be noted that, although in most cases the good seed was cast in what proved to be unpropitious soil, yet, true to a sense of duty, the men there chosen to wear her honors, were so careful in their selections of members that, when proper material could not be found, they preferred defeat to dishonor, and the suspension of their chapters rather than a lowering of the standard. However, the names of many bright and successful men stand forth upon and give radiance to our Catalogue of Members as a result of their having been. In quite a number of cases anti-fraternity rules rendered it expedient that our charters should be returned. This was so in Monmouth (United Presbyterian), Erskine (Associate Reformed Presbyterian), Howard (Baptist), Mississippi (Baptist), and the College of New Jersey (Presbyterian). Since the time when the Presidents of

Amherst, Yale, Union, Hamilton and Princeton wrote their famous letters to be used against the students of Michigan University in their contest for Greek Letter societies, a revolution has taken place, and to-day in no first-class institution of learning, except Princeton, are students abridged in this respect. There still exists in Princeton two secret organizations. One composed of its *Faculty*, and the other of its *Board of Trustees*. It is apparent, therefore, that neither the faculty nor the Board regard secrets (or secrecy) as sinful, nor the holding of them as endangering the final perseverance of Princeton College.

It cannot be said that an institution that treats its students as youths needing pedagogic government and discipline is in sympathy with that largeness of liberty of action and that manliness of spirit which is to-day recognized as properly entering into all true culture. To treat young men with frankness and confidence, and to trust to their sense of right and their willingness to do the fit and becoming thing, will result in developing a spirit of manliness that is worth more in active life than any forced gloss that may be veneered upon their characters by the irritating policy of repression. The institution that fails to deal with its young men frankly, and regards it as unsafe to allow them to associate themselves together after the manner of the Greek Letter societies, calls to mind the theology of a past generation, when a God of Fear ruled in men's hearts and *forced* from them a tight, narrow goodness. Manly action and true college culture will be attained more successfully by positive outgoings than by repressive forces. Put young men upon their honor and they will seldom betray the trust reposed in them. The character of the men now in active life, who, when in college, belonged to Greek Letter fraternities, ought to ensure them a ready welcome in every institution in the land. As a matter of fact they are to-day, and ever have been, when faithfully administered, one of the most necessary college agencies in producing social and intellectual culture. No young man should be debarred from receiving all the kindly influences which they so freely give forth to aid and help him in his search after knowledge and heart culture. As a matter of fact very many of the institutions which, in years gone by, prohibited them now lend them encouragement and, in some instances, aid them in the erection of their chapter houses.

Of the thirty-seven active chapters, one is located in the Eastern, five in the Middle, nine in the Southern and twenty-two in the Western States. The single New England Chapter is in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. Probably no finer field for a chapter could have been found. Having a corps of ninety-four professors, instructors and lecturers, and an attendance of eight hundred students,

and but a limited number of fraternities, the opportunity was presented of founding a chapter that would have large choice as to men, and would not be discounted by reason of late entrance. The result has proven the wisdom of the action taken, and to-day Alpha Theta is one of our strongest chapters. As a Technological School it has no superior in the land. It affords the best facilities for graduates of classical and denominational colleges to take a special course of four years on many special lines of study. The Alpha Delta Chapter is planted in a similar institution, and is the next most Eastern chapter. Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, New Jersey, in which it is found, if not equal to the Massachusetts Institute, easily takes second place among schools of that character. It has an endowment of a million of dollars, and patronage so great that admission is only gained by competitive examinations, the faculty taking a limited number of those best qualified.

It would be a pleasure for me to go through the list of colleges and speak of many of them having special features; but let this suffice, that as a whole they rank second to no list equally extensive. That most of them have assured futures of usefulness, and that some of them are destined, by reason of their heavy endowments and latent possibilities, as the years roll by, to rank along with the oldest institutions—with Yale, Harvard and Columbia.

JOHN C. S. WEILLS, *Nu*, '64.

THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN COLLEGES.

THE tendency of the American people is to overdo everything. Overproduction of manufactured articles is a common evil. Not satisfied with six-story buildings, we erect immense structures of twelve and fourteen stories. We work hard and we "play hard." We treat the old saying, that "too much of a good thing is worse than none at all," as a mere paradox. A "modern instance" of this is found in the number of colleges in the United States. According to Prof. Bryce, there are about 350 colleges and from 400 to 500 schools having authority to confer degrees. The State of Ohio alone has thirty-five or forty, and Illinois has almost as many. Ten or twelve of these institutions are, perhaps, worthy to be called universities. Others, while small and limited in their resources, are thorough as far as they go. The majority, as Prof. Bryce says in "The American Commonwealth," would do better to renounce the privilege of granting degrees, and be content to do school work according to school methods.

Mushroom institutions spring up almost daily. The legislatures of the various States have scattered broadcast the power to grant degrees. Emerson once said, in substance, that the possession of a diploma indicated that the owner had been given an opportunity to learn something, not that he had learned anything. It does not necessarily indicate even that much in these days. Education should undoubtedly be encouraged. It should be free and popular; but our public schools occupy this field, and the heights should be left to the colleges. If each State, instead of dividing its resources and endeavoring to maintain four or five higher institutions of learning, as most of them do, would concentrate its energies and its means upon one State University, we would have more institutions like the University of Michigan, and fewer overgrown high schools masquerading as colleges. Wealthy people, instead of founding new colleges, would do much better to endow some first-class college already established on a firm foundation. The different religious denominations ought to abandon their numerous colleges now scattered over the United States, and each would then have means to maintain one first-class University. Human nature is such, however, that this will probably not happen until the ideals of the author of "Looking Backward" are realized, which will certainly not be in our day and generation. Even if we had the power to destroy all the colleges but those of the first rank, I suppose each one of us who happened to attend one of the less noted colleges would desire to save his own *Alma Mater* from the wreck. We would say, as Webster said of Dartmouth College:

"It is, sir, as I have said, a small college. And yet there are those who love it."

One good University is worth a score of petty colleges. The ideal University, as the name implies, should teach universal knowledge. To me it seems that a National University, such as Washington favored, could be made to approach most closely to the ideal. With the collections in the Smithsonian Institute, the National Library, with means to obtain the greatest educators and specialists in the world as teachers, and with all the facilities and resources that could be furnished by the Government, it would be a University worthy of the name. *Aut Caesar, aut nullus*. If we cannot have such a University, let us have no more of any kind. We have too many inferior colleges already; but their number and the rapidity with which they increase will eventually cause a reaction. They will begin to crowd one another out, and then, under the operation of the law of the survival of the fittest, we may hope to find all our colleges an honor to our country.

WILLIAM F. ELLIOTT, *Rho*, '80.

FRATERNITY LIFE.

FRATERNITY life is many-sided, and very different at different schools. For this reason there are dissimilar views concerning it, as the opinion of the outsider is shaped altogether by the outward facts of fraternity life. Not only do fraternities differ in their tone, but the same fraternity has not the same characteristics everywhere. Of course there is the same ritual and body of laws to govern, but my observation has been that it is the personal characteristics of the members of a chapter that give color to the chapter life, and not so much the written standards of the order. I may be uttering some rank heresy, but it is harmless, I think, and I hope it will not cause me to be excommunicated or black-listed. It was my good fortune to represent my chapter (Gamma Gamma) at both conventions during my college life,—at Chicago in '82, and at Cincinnati in '84,—and of course I met many of the representative men of the fraternity. I suppose that the men were above the average, and represented very fairly the general tone of the chapters. There were striking differences in the delegates from the various chapters, and at the second convention I looked for just a certain kind of delegate from certain chapters, and in only one or two instances was I disappointed. It is an open secret, that in a convention of between forty and fifty chapters, all are not congenial spirits, however much we may be bound together by affection for the welfare of the common order, and I suppose there are few of us who would deny that we have met some men at every convention that our chapters would not have asked, and who in turn would not enjoy being members of our chapters.

There was a distinct line, also, between the Western and the Virginia chapters; this line was a perfectly natural one. The Western chapters were more concerned in college politics, literary and athletic honors, obtained by contests and victories over rival fraternities and the barbarians. They had inter-state contests and conventions, and fraternity life entered into every detail of college life. The majority of the Virginia chapters narrowed down fraternity life more specifically to their own college walls, and even there narrowed it more specifically to FRIENDSHIP, and the enjoyments that flow so richly from the association of thoroughly congenial spirits. This explains in great measure the fact that at the '82 convention there were but two Virginia delegates, and at the '84 convention but three. They are loyal to the fraternity. They rejoice in its prosperity, but fraternity life, not being so much an inter-collegiate matter with them as with many of our other chapters, they do not look forward to the convention as some other chapters do.

Another difference that I always noticed when I was "in touch" with the whole fraternity, was the number of men in chapters. The Western chapters had from ten to twenty members, the Virginia chapters from five to ten. With the view we had of fraternity life, eight was a full chapter, and ten was full to overflowing. We did not feel that a man could distribute himself around among twenty members, and know all of them, and enjoy the society of all of them, as we thought we ought to know and to enjoy our White Cross brothers. The *sine qua non* to entrance was not brilliancy of attainments in society or athletics, in the class-room or on the rostrum. The magic touch-stone was congeniality of thought and feeling, and we believed the chapter was usually composed of those few men that would have gone with each other without the chapter bond. We thought ourselves the best fellows in college. We knew there were many with stronger minds and stronger arms and legs, and we knew there were many men in college to whom it would not be pleasant to have us for associates, but we thought nevertheless that we had in our fraternity the very elements needed to make association enjoyable and helpful. The securing of medals and prominent positions was not the great aim of the fraternity. We rejoiced when one of our brethren received the merited reward for his labors, but we would have scorned to combine to give him any honor by our votes that impartial men did not concede to him. There were fraternities about college that would invite men as soon as some college honor was bestowed upon them. With us it made no difference, for that did not make him more congenial or more trustworthy; and what if he were decked with honors as the heavens with stars, if he did not possess those qualities of the heart that would cause us to trust in him, and to depend on him always. Our men really loved each other, and rarely a day passed that my room, which was fraternity headquarters, did not ring with the talk and laughter of the whole chapter. We walked in a body, or in pairs, nearly every day. We worked together as far as classes would permit, and there was no wheel within a wheel, no project of a few, and not of all, nothing of any kind that could occasion dissatisfaction or strife. The only thing of that kind we ever had was occasioned by a man from another chapter, where the standard was very different from ours. He was not a congenial spirit, and had to be reprimanded on several occasions; but never was there any disagreement in the chapter as to his case; but so firmly was our standard of membership fixed in the minds of all, and so perfectly were we agreed as to the necessary qualifications of a member of Gamma Gamma, that every rebuke given him was by the unanimous vote of the chapter. Yet we all felt sorry for him, for we knew he was popular in his own chapter, and that he did not enjoy

chapter life with us ; and while we should never have asked him, it is probable that if we had, he would not have joined us, but would have joined another fraternity, that did have men of his taste and disposition. This incident, happening in my first year, opened my eyes to the fact stated in the beginning, that the same fraternity differs in different colleges, taking its coloring from its local surroundings, and that no man can form his estimate of a fraternity from one or even two chapters, but from chapters in convention assembled. Viewed by this standard, I believe Sigma Chi to be the peer of any fraternity in this country, and that notwithstanding one now and then meets a diamond that is really nothing but glass, and very flawed glass at that, any man may be proud of the fact that he was during his college days asked to join the Sigma Chi. I do not know what college life would be without fraternity, for I joined after one month of college ; but this much I can say, that my fraternity life was so rich and helpful in its influence, that if my little girl, crawling around me as I write, were a boy, I should never imagine her at college without imagining her in some good fraternity.

Many good men do object to fraternities, and are conscientious in their objections, but they have formed a misconception of the fraternity aim by contact with chapters that have perverted the system. A chapter that is nothing but a drinking or an eating club, or an association to run the politics of literary societies and athletic organizations is a disgrace to the fraternity cause, and does more to influence public sentiment against us, than a dozen anti-fraternity associations. Where the true aim is kept constantly in view, and all are bent on the cultivation of the finer feelings of the *heart* and not of the *stomach*, and where all join a fraternity from feelings of respect and admiration for those already in it, there will be found the fraternity principle exemplified in all its beauty, and there only can this principle be rightly developed. Gamma Gamma Chapter, while not an ideal chapter in many respects, did exemplify these things in her chapter life, and the result is seen in the fact that her men esteem and respect each other as men rarely do,—not a mere passing regard, but a deep-seated confidence and love that time and distance have never destroyed.

JAMES CANNON, JR., *Gamma Gamma*, '82.

WHY DO WE WEEP?

(A RHYMED VERSION OF POE'S IDEA.)

When the strains of sweet-toned music
 Through the Spirit's chambers sweep,
 Filling all the soul with gladness—
 For what reason do we weep?

When some tender, soothing poem
 Fills us with the gladsome cheer
 And the heart is bowed in worship—
 Then, what means this starting tear?

When we feel the highest pleasure,
 Why is it the Spirit sighs?
 And why are the tear-drops flowing
 Downward through unwilling eyes?

"Through excess of pleasure," say you?
 "'Tis because the soul is glad?"
 Nay, I think not, but that rather
 'Tis because the soul is sad.

These grand and infinite glories
 Which our Spirits fondly crave,
 When the Soul's prophetic vision
 Reaches out beyond the grave;

These prescient aspirations,
 Which no effort can control
 As they fall, like angel-whispers,
 On the ever-longing soul;

They bring us such sad'ning pleasures
 That tears from eyelids start,
 Because we cannot enfold them
 And lock them within the heart.

Because, having seen this beauty,
Through the music, *through* the rhyme,
 We seek to chain the Eternal
 On the fading banks of Time.

Because our Souls are immortal
And long for a higher life,
Away from the noisy battle
Of the world's ignoble strife.

Because these glorious foretastes
Of Heaven will never stay,
But, like Angels mounting upward,
They silently steal away.

No! we do not weep for pleasure,
Our tears are the tears of grief;
Because our joy is so transient,
Because it is all so brief.

GEORGE HINES GORMAN, Zeta, '85.

THE PROPER STUDY OF THE LAW.

A SYMPOSIUM.

I.

THE law is the noblest science which can engage the consideration of mankind. To become eminent in it requires a liberal education, a high order of intellect, and an honest heart. It is a profession and not a mere business. While a lawyer should not disregard the compensation received for his services, he should be inspired much more by the nobility of the pursuit in which he is engaged and an honorable ambition to achieve distinction among his fellow men,—in a word, by the love of fame.

If the above views are correct, then the student of law should have an opportunity to pursue such a course of study as will afford him the very best facilities for obtaining a thorough legal education.

Shall a young man study law in a law office or in a law college? By all means in the latter. A law office is a busy place. The student will be constantly interrupted. His mind will be diverted from his studies. The temptation to be lazy and listless will be great. Regularity of attendance at the office will be found difficult, and continuous careful study almost impossible. The student will have little or no instruction as to how and what to study. There will be no rivalry, no competition, no contest of mind with mind so important and essential to develop the full strength and capacity of ambitious young men. Experience has shown that an office is not a suitable place for the intelligent study of the law. The student will be found, on entering his studies without an instructor or teacher, to have about as intelligent an idea of what is before him as he would if he read Lord Chief Justice Reeves' direction for the first stage of legal inquiry. His advice was, "Read Wood's Institutes cursorily, and for explanation of the same, Jacobs' Law Dictionary. Next, strike out what lights you can from Bohun's *Institutio Legalis* and Jacobs' *Practicing Attorney's Companion*, and the like, helping yourself by indexes. Then read and consider Littleton's *Tenures* without notes and abridge it. Then venture upon Coke's *Commentaries*. After reading it once read it again, for it will require many readings. Abridge it; commonplace it; make it your own; apply to it all the faculties of your mind. Then read Sergeant Hawkins to throw light on Lord Coke. Then read Wood again to throw light on Sergeant Hawkins. And then read the Statutes at large to throw light on Wood."

In England the Inns of Court and the Inns of Chancery were established at an early day, and were found to be of the greatest

advantage. They brought together young men of ability from all parts of the country. Thousands of young men flocked to them. The student's life was spent in the genial companionship of men anxious to learn. A friendly rivalry was encouraged. Instruction was given by men competent to teach. The result was that out of these Inns have come many of the great lawyers of England. After a while these Inns degenerated into places of mere social and convivial gatherings.

In 1852 a new system was inaugurated by which the instruction of students was entrusted to a board of eight members, two appointed by each Inn, called the Council of Legal Education. Readerships were established in Jurisprudence and Civil Law, in Real Property, in Common Law, in Equity and Constitutional Law and Legal History. Public examinations were to be held three times a year. Certificates of proficiency were given to students passing satisfactorily, and honors were conferred upon those who distinguished themselves. Since that time other important changes have been made; the branches of study have been increased, and new and additional honors conferred on meritorious students.

In this country, for many years, institutions known as law schools have been established. Many of them are found connected with, and as a branch of collegiate education. In many other instances the schools were established wholly independent of any college or university. It is impossible to regard these institutions in any other way than with the greatest favor. They are aids of the utmost possible importance to the student. At such colleges young men of ingenuous minds meet in their room and study together, and thus aid and encourage each other. Moot courts are held where important and novel questions are raised and discussed. The students meet here in the arena of debate and get their first lessons as advocates. In companionship with kindred spirits, receiving daily instruction from men eminent and learned in the law; brought into continued rivalry with the aspiring and ambitious men,—here the student of the law will pass his time in pleasure, in happiness and in the acquisition of knowledge in his profession far more rapidly than he can in any other way. These law schools ought to receive the highest encouragement from the profession and from the State. It is from these we must expect to see come forth the leading lawyers of the country. One of the mistakes naturally made in a new country is that men are permitted to practice law without having passed through a sufficient course of study, and without that preparation which is absolutely necessary to make a good lawyer. The range of legal study necessary to fit a man for the higher walks of his profession is so great that it cannot be compassed, even by the greatest ability, without serious and

faithful study. It is possible that a man of liberal education may, by two years of faithful study of the law at a college, under competent instruction, be qualified to know the general principles of the law, but it would be much better for the profession and for the public at large, if the course of study could be increased for one or two years longer. It is impossible, in the few lines which I have time to write upon this subject, to indicate to young men how or what they should study. Every student will, of course, expect to take in his course the common law, equity, the law of real and personal property, and criminal law. In addition to this no lawyer will expect to rise to eminence without the study of the civil law, constitutional law, and jurisprudence, including international law, both public and private. If I were to tell the student how to study, I would endeavor to impress upon him the idea that from the time he enters upon his professional studies until he is through with them, his mind should be forever and all the time engaged upon them. That they should be in his dreams by night and in his thoughts by day, and that he should have but one single purpose before him, and that is, to endeavor to become an earnest, serious and useful man, and a profound lawyer.

While the profession is crowded there is "room at the top" for many more if they are willing to forego pleasure and devote themselves to that most jealous of all mistresses—the Law. If it should so happen that any young man, after pursuing his legal studies faithfully, shall find that he has no taste for or adaptation to such studies, or if he is not willing to pursue the course indicated above, it would be well for him to seek his fortune in some other profession or business more congenial to his taste.

ISAAC M. JORDAN, *Alpha*, '57.

II.

The course of study pursued by different young men preparatory to admission to the bar depends so largely upon the varied conditions of their other education and means for taking a thorough course of study, that no single rule can be stated applicable to all. Those who have the opportunity for taking the usual complete collegiate course, and can then add the regular method of the law school, are I think indeed to be envied by their less favored brethren; for the man who, in the days of study and preparation, realizes that he is training for participation in life-long struggles with men his equals if not his betters, where the rule of the "survival of the fittest" will be strictly enforced, and drills his mind, memory, temper, voice, his every faculty, for contending with his fellows in argument and discussion, for persuasion and conviction, enjoys opportunities for these exercises as well as for acquiring knowledge in general, that nothing else can compensate. By this I do not

mean to say that without such preparation one may not become a thorough lawyer and take position in the front rank of his profession. Yet how often do gentlemen not college bred feel their disadvantage with their better trained brethren, and to make up for deficiencies in logic or rhetoric need to resort to plainer fare of jest or sarcasm? It may be that just as we see one deprived of some physical sense develop those that are left him to such greater activity as in large measure to make up for that which he has not, so the lawyer who has not enjoyed collegiate training, and the lectures of doctors of the law, etc., may perhaps in homelier style "get there all the same" when he comes to lead judge or jury the way that his retainer indicates.

What success one attains in life depends so largely, I might almost say entirely, on what use is made of such opportunities as may be enjoyed, that we see everywhere some poor lawyers from the best schools, and many of the best who never heard a lecture, nor took a degree, although some allowance must be made for the claim of the colleges that since Genesis something cannot be made from nothing, and lawyers are not made but make themselves.

It also seems to me that as our civilization grows and we get further from pioneer life, the school course will become more important, education will be more general, and the professional man will not find the virgin soil of the earlier days of the country in which to broadcast, but will need prepare himself to tend with care and to use every aid that schooling will afford. The rapid and continuous increase in educational facilities throughout the country, the growth of colleges and universities in every section, will result in higher educational standards for the professions in the same degree as the young both in country and town are found better taught and with more of an education than in former years. A larger percentage of educated persons non-professional must result in a smaller field for untrained professional men, for educated masses will demand education in the professions.

The young man who lacks the means or opportunity for taking the law school course and yet has an ambition for the bar, should not give up his choice and turn his talents to less suitable employment. He can read text books under the advice of any leading practitioner of his neighborhood, attend court proceedings, try his hands with such matters as confiding friends and simpletons in general may entrust to his management, and if he earnestly endeavor, he may succeed as many before have done, and become noted for his ability and success. He may succeed notwithstanding the lack of better advantages, and if so, the greater credit is deserved; but when he does so, I think it will be generally found that this man will send his boy, whom he intends to associate

with him in his law business, to the best colleges and universities and law schools, leaving nothing undone to give that boy advantages of tuition of which the father has always felt the need.

HOLMES CUMMINS, (*Original*) *Sigma*, '63.

III.

If one about to enter upon the study of the law were taken into any of the great law libraries that are found in the large cities with thousands and thousands of law books ranged in systematic order upon the shelves, and were told that between the lids of those books he would find the knowledge he must acquire for the successful pursuit of the profession he had chosen, he would find himself bewildered at the very threshold of his studies. If he were dismissed with no further information than that these were the implements with which he was to work, he would be left in a state of helpless and inextricable confusion. Not knowing how and where to start, and so overwhelmed with the herculean task seemingly before him, he would quickly conclude that such a work was more than he bargained for, and, discouraged at the very outset, he would give up in despair the study of the profession he had chosen. The old lawyer who had spent years in the library, would in a measure be able to classify those formidable looking volumes into the text-books and treatises on different subjects announcing the principles of law, and the reports of the courts containing the opinions of the judges from which we derive what is commonly denominated "case-made law." The student of the geography of a country is first given its general outlines, such as its great rivers and mountains, its trunk lines of railway and the location of its great cities, and with these well fixed in his mind, he makes minor subdivisions, and again still smaller divisions, until, proceeding degree by degree, he has in his mind not only a comprehensive outline, but also the minute parts of the geography of the country he is studying. In like manner must the student of the law proceed to master the science of jurisprudence. Being first well rooted and grounded in its great divisions and leading principles, he can in a logical manner follow out the various divisions and subdivisions into all their ramifications, not simply by an effort of the memory, but thoroughly understanding the reasons thereof. How can this course of study be best pursued is the question that now confronts us. We unhesitatingly answer, through the medium of a first-class law school, with a thoroughly competent faculty. Reading in a law office does not meet the requirement, for the abler the occupant of the office the less time he is able to give from the pressing and daily duties that engross him, and whenever assistance is rendered by him it is generally in odd and disconnected moments, without that systematic instruction which the student should certainly have.

It is no answer that some who have been the greatest ornaments of the bench and bar never saw the inside of a law school. Occasionally men in all departments of life,—the great military chieftain, the statesman, the man of science,—attain the highest eminence without the advantages of college education ; but such men are gifted by nature with pre-eminent qualities of greatness, and they would doubtless have been all the greater had they enjoyed the advantages of early training in the best institutions of learning. That men have succeeded without these advantages is no legitimate argument against college education. On the other hand, the fact is that the bulk of successful lawyers and judges are graduates of well-known law schools in our country. Therefore we say to the student, seek the law school ; and by that I do not mean every institution which advertises itself as such, or that makes grand pretensions to the fulfillment of those functions, but whose so-called professors are the merest charlatans. The schools of law which should invite the student are those whose faculties are composed of able, upright and learned lawyers, who not only know the law, but have the power of imparting it to others ; who can point you to the sources of the law, and, following its sources step by step, can lead you into all of its divisions in a clear, logical and interesting manner, illumining its principles by the light of well-chosen illustrations drawn from the best judicial decisions, thus preparing the student to make easy application of facts to principles, and to criticise and analyze the multitude of difficult questions and judicial opinions which face him in the practical work of his profession. This is in my judgment the best method to pursue the proper study of the law.

HENRY T. KENT, *Pr.*, '72.

IV.

It is only a few years since a college education was beyond the reach of the ordinary poor man. To-day every community has its free college. And the universality of free education has brought about little less than a social revolution. A false tradition, handed down from the old order of things, remains in our colleges and among their graduates, that only a professional career is respectable. The result is, that the learned professions are overcrowded, and the centers of population have too many lawyers by a proportion over other pursuits of three to one. "It is a condition that confronts us." And it needs but the bare statement to show that it is an abnormal one.

Of course, we are not going to abandon our chosen career because other men, less fitted for it, perhaps, have crowded the profession for us. But if we are to make a living at the law we must get ready to crowd the other men out ; and to do this will require the best of prepa-

ration. How shall I go about it? Shall I attend law school? Shall I go into a busy lawyer's office as a clerk? Shall I plunge right into the practice, unprepared, and learn at the risk and at the expense of my clients, if I have any?

Other men concede that self-made men are a failure. This statement is too broad to apply to the self-made lawyer, unless we qualify it. For one who has not had the drill of the law school study, or the hard experience of an office-apprenticeship, may yet take his handful of books and his world-full of faith and slash away at the practice, and by dint of much rough handling and many knock-downs, fit himself for a really successful life-work. But, at fifty, he will not be the thoroughly equipped practitioner that the other one will be. The fact remains that some kind of training is best, be the method that of the school or of the office, or be it a wise combination of the two.

I recall a law-school class, graduated not many years ago, that went through the whole course of study, crammed for a searching examination, answered its questions and won its diplomas. And yet "when the smoke of battle cleared away" (as the campaign orator says) they found they knew practically nothing. They had absorbed some of the broad principles of law, it is true, but these a logical mind will take up naturally, for "law is the perfection of reason, and it needs not the training of the schools to impart them."

The law school graduate is no more fitted for the forensic struggle than the college graduate is fitted to meet the world. He has picked up some grains of truth and some bushels of chaff. The sum total of his acquisition is a few general principles and a certain amount of mental training. But he does not yet know his grain from his chaff. His real training is to be found in the office of some lawyer of integrity who will give him plenty of hard work to do. Here is where he will get a practical benefit that can be estimated.

A young man, who studied under Thomas A. Hendricks, came back to the office from an Eastern law school, swelling with importance. He remarked, in an off-hand way: "Governor, I believe I will make a specialty of international law. I feel that it suits my talents best." The Governor's reply was characteristically practical: "If you want to succeed, drop that right off and study hog law. It will do you more good." Taking "hog law" as the blunt name for practical every-day law, we can make a specialty of it, at the outset, by seizing every opportunity to try small cases. If we take care of the "hog cases," Providence will some day promote us to cow cases. And from cow cases to constitutional law the step is by no means as great as Mrs. Malaprop's "supercilious observer" would imagine.

First of all, this office to be chosen must be respectable. Nothing can ruin a practitioner sooner than association with men who are reputed to be unscrupulous. Even should his reputation escape a smirch, it will be strange indeed if he shall not acquire some warped ideas of professional integrity, or unconsciously become unscrupulous about little things. And it should be an office where the student is to be trusted. He should be allowed to draw up pleadings and try the little, hopeless cases that his preceptors do not care to be beaten in themselves.

The brain is like the stomach. It must be filled in the right way or its food won't digest. The most indigestible of brain diet is a series of law text books. The good that comes from reading a dozen heavy law books (even if read when awake) is quickly destroyed by the evil it does to the memory. The student who knows nothing of law reads a proposition that he thinks he understands. This is followed on the same page by a contradiction of the same proposition. A copious footnote explains that both propositions are true. And the student who has begun to fix these principles in his memory, throws up the task in despair, and wonders what the law really is. Full of the conviction that cases and decisions are the foundation of jurisprudence, he takes down the last work on Contracts to read that "Any decisions in conflict with this dictum are erroneous and must be wholly disregarded." And he wonders whether the courts or Mr. Bishop are right.

Such are the bewilderments of preparation by the text-book method. His office-apprenticeship should keep him so busy that he will not have time to read too many text-books. Having read only the classics of the law, he should learn by experience, observation and actual practice. Where the perusal of a law book will teach him little or nothing, the trial of a hard case will teach him volumes.

From this apprenticeship he will acquire many things. He will pick up the unwritten law of professional etiquette and custom; the principles of pleading will become clear, and the forms of pleading will become real to him; he will learn how to deal with men and what fees to charge; what are the peculiarities of juries and jurors, and the idiosyncrasies of the judges before whom he must practice. He will get accustomed to the drudgery, as he must, sooner or later. Even the exhaustion of type-writing will do him good. And the facility with which he can quit "matching quarters" with the other clerks and open his book at the right place the instant one of "the firm" comes into the room is an education for him.

Two or three years of this worry and work develops him until he is fitted to begin the struggle for bread. And his clients will have reason to be thankful that he has learned in his office-apprenticeship instead of

practicing on them, as the self-made lawyer must. There is a thoroughness and a soundness in this preparation that the law schools cannot give, and if he cannot afford to take both, let him give up his LL.B. and choose the road that is rougher, perhaps, but shorter.

CHARLES W. MOORES, *Delta Chi*, '82.

V.

The student of law at best can hope, in preparation, only to grasp some of the most elementary principles. It will require an acute and discriminating mind to separate these principles from the redundant verbiage of reported cases, and from the well-packed volumes of ever increasing text-books. It will require the highest wisdom of selection to choose such of these rudimentary principles as will compass the whole field of the law. By bearing these thoughts in mind we will be better able to come to an understanding as to what is the proper method to pursue in studying the law.

There are two ways commonly traveled in preparing for the bar ; one through the law office and the other through the law school. Law, like Greek, can be studied by one's self, apart from office or school, but with as much difficulty. The writer had an unhappy experience in such work, as well as in the law office, and believes from deep conviction that time will be saved by first attending the school and afterward entering the office for practical work. It is worthy of notice that while many lawyers of ability who never attended a law school, from their own experience will advise beginners, if possible, to go to the law school ; all of those who have been graduated from the law school most earnestly recommend the latter as the better way of making preparation for the bar. Providence seems wisely to have ordained that the young lawyer should have but small practice. While waiting for clients he has opportunity to learn routine office work, and to round out the skeleton of law, articulated in the lecture room.

The comparative expense of the two ways does not greatly differ. While many of the most brilliant lights at the bar have been poor boys, who obtained their legal training while piecing out their scanty means by work done in the law office, yet it is a most unsatisfactory plan to pursue. However it may have been in the past, in this day the salaries paid law students are very small ; writing is a matter of dictation for the stenographer and type-writer ; and such work, if pursued to the extent that will make it any source of revenue, will most seriously interfere with study. But so far from making money in this way, it is more customary to pay to the preceptor,—for the use of his office and books and for instruction,—a round sum which usually equals the tuition at school.

In other words, the student in the law office cannot hope to make much towards his expenses, while studying, and it will cost no more to live at a law school than in the law office.

The disadvantages of office study are many, and are offset by but few advantages ; and the latter frequently are, in the long run, themselves hindrances. It is argued that the student will become familiar with the forms and the practice at his bar ; that he will pick up the law ; that, by daily intercourse with it, he will come to a more correct understanding of its principles than by merely learning them by rule, as it were. A fair consideration of the question will show this untrue.

In the office the student's mind is diverted from systematic study of given subjects by the very advantages he is supposed to have special opportunity of enjoying. The drawing of deeds, the preparation of pleadings and other papers, valuable in themselves, will oftentimes prove a distraction. The knowledge he picks up comes in a shape too fragmentary for great benefit. His information reaches him in chunks,—a little chunk of criminal law to-day, of corporation law to-morrow. Nor does the routine of the office furnish any inducement to that which is of supreme importance to the student,—a careful study of rule and definition.

Probably the greatest disadvantage to office study is the almost total lack of text-books prepared for students. Because of the new decisions daily appearing, making necessary changes in the application of the old principles of the law, together with the comparatively small number of law students, text-books are not prepared solely for them. In the absence of such he is compelled to use learned treatises, which have been written for the practitioner, largely as books of reference. Let the student read the three volumes of Washburne, the three volumes of Parsons, and he will arise from their most careful perusal with very indefinite ideas of the principles and definitions of realty and contracts. However faithful he may be, this is the experience of each. He will find that the preceptor he has employed will have, at best, but few hours a week to give him, and often none at all. The better the teacher, the less the time.

On the other hand, the advantages of the law school are many and readily appreciated. Perhaps the greatest is that it gives to the beginner a substitute for the much needed student's text-book. Carefully prepared outline lectures covering the entire field of the law, and covering it thoroughly and systematically, will enable the underlying principles of the law to be grasped in a nutshell. Such lectures, being revised from year to year, so as to accord with the latest decisions, will present everything that is fresh and important. The professor, in his particular

department, will give his whole time to the daily drill on them, and a comprehensive knowledge is thereby obtained of the whole law, in exact and succinct form. It is the teacher's pleasure, as well as duty, to solve the knotty points as they arise. Either in the lecture room, in the Moot Court, or in the quiet hours of evening work, he will explain and reiterate the fundamental principles. No one knows a subject until he can tell it. The professor makes the beginner tell it; until, instead of hazy, indefinite information, the stupidest student can honestly say, "This thing I know."

Also here the beginner will find a library to which judicious reference is made in lectures. He will be taught how to use his working tools. He will become handy and clever with them. He will be taught, not only how to store up knowledge, but how to classify and arrange the same, so that it may be used at a moment's notice. The opportunities will come, where a ready definition of "hearsay," or some like subject, with pertinent authority and an accurate working knowledge of its principles, learned in what seemed the unnecessary repetition of the class room, will gain important cases over older opponents, of years of experience, who rely on general information to furnish authorities on the fundamental principles.

Thus the law-school student, at no greater expense, has the outline lecture book to supply the unsatisfied want of the office student. He learns elementary principles, vitally superior to the confused notions obtained from bulky reference books. He gathers a comprehensive knowledge, of inestimably higher value than brilliant fragmentary information. He has the professor with regular hours, instead of the busy practitioner. He enjoys a university library, many times equal the often incomplete office library. He does systematic, practical work in pleading, far more beneficial than the indiscriminate copying of unintelligible office papers. He works with persistent application, instead of in spasmodic spurts. The student of the law school, continuously inspired by the contagious ambition of classmates, unceasingly pushes along his toilsome journey. If of average studiousness, he will have attained, at graduation, a proficiency which will make him invaluable in the law office; which will enable him, while learning office practice, to earn a fair salary in aiding the perhaps undrilled practitioner, who, not having the law school as a light unto his pathway, has finally blundered into success.

HAMILTON DOUGLAS, *Beta*, '83.

VI.

Inasmuch as the discussion of the question, "Whether the preparation of a student for the profession of law can be best obtained in a law school or in a law office," will be read by undergraduates in college, this article will be directed as nearly as possible to meet the situation in which they find themselves upon the completion of the university course. It must be remembered that the majority of the students are no longer very young or very rich on receiving their diplomas, and that money making and fame earning is at hand with the average university student on commencement day. To those young gentlemen who are in no need of money, and in no hurry to occupy themselves with the serious work of life, this paper has nothing to do. These curled darlings may still continue to wear clothes, and gaze languidly out of club windows, so far as the writer or this question is concerned. It is to the earnest, aspiring, deserving young men in college to whom I wish to speak.

That the law school course is an excellent preparation, so far as it goes, will not be denied. But does it go far enough, or cannot the same or better result be obtained in a different, cheaper and more practical way? History, as we all know, is philosophy teaching by example, and one good illustration is said to be worth a dozen abstract principles, just as a single leading case or precedent on a practical state of facts is of more value than a whole library of text-books teaching general principles.

The main thing, the *sine qua non*, in the profession of law is to "know the law." This knowledge may be acquired only by diligent and unremitting study, and zest is always added by observing its application to the circumstances of every-day life. I do not by this intend to decry theory, for theory is the basis of practice; but there its value ceases. Even in law schools themselves, the so-called "Case Method" is the one now in vogue in the most celebrated institution of its kind in this country. By the "Case Method," it will be understood, the reading of the courts' opinions in adjudicated cases first, and then reading general principles discussed in text-books, and applying them to the cases decided.

Let us examine in turn the two kinds of preparation. With reference to the first or law school preparation, we must find that there are two great drawbacks, one of which relates to the teacher, the other to taught. It is too often the case that the law professor is either a "back number," or a book worm, a theorist, a poor getter of clients, and a worse keeper of them. To illustrate: I was a few weeks ago requested to recommend for a law professorship in a western university law

school some fellow-practitioner who was a college-bred man and a "book lawyer," but who had *not succeeded in his practice*. Comment is obviously superfluous. Now as to the student: There is no qualification required of him on entering his class, except that the young man must leave the price of his tuition; he may be college-bred, or he may know little English, less Latin and no Greek; in short, a more heterogeneous collection of young men than usually compose the average law-school class would indeed be hard to find. There is then in the law school no proper advancement made, no fairly equal competition between mind and mind. The value of grade so strenuously insisted upon by our educators, is here neither appreciated nor required. To illustrate again: In a certain law class in a western college, I knew two men, one the valedictorian of his class, a graduate from one of the most distinguished universities of our country, the other a young Bohemian, who had left his native heath less than a year before matriculating, and who on reaching Castle Garden could not speak a word of English, and could barely read and write his mother tongue; yet these were admitted together, and in the eyes of the general public must be considered on a basis of at least professional equality. Now with reference to the law-office preparation. Let us choose, for the sake of illustration, a student just emerged from his college halls, young in years and poor in purse, honest, diligent, ambitious, furnished forth with all the discipline of mind a university course can give; let him enter a law office, care being exercised in selecting a good one, surrounded by proper men and associations, will he confine himself to office hours for study, will he not if he have the grand ambition to know the law, and to become distinguished in his profession, study in season and out of season, in the office, in his room, at all times and in all places? If he will not, and does not, he has missed his calling, and the fabled "jealous mistress" will never smile upon him. The office and its workings may not teach him principles and theories altogether, that may be learned from the books; it does and will teach him men, tact, human nature, practice,—just as important to the advocate as the rule in Shelley's case, and the thousand and one other principles found in the books. Principles, it is true, are the foundations of the structure of law knowledge, but a foundation is worthless without something has been built and is maintained thereon. Every law student must be, like every other man, a law unto himself, the architect of his own fortune. Persistent study of text-books is all very well, but that alone has made no lawyer. Practice is also necessary and indispensable, and the sooner the young man can make himself useful in the office the sooner will he become the lawyer.

The subject is too large to be compassed in a paper of the size, I

take it, the editor wishes; only a few outlines can be given. These I have tried to indicate, and trust they may aid the college graduate in determining whether to go to school or to go to work.

GEO. P. MERRICK, *Omega*, '84.

VII.

THE CASE METHOD AT HARVARD.

The Law School connected with Harvard University is the oldest institution of its kind in existence. It was organized in 1817, for the purpose of giving a systematic training to those desiring to obtain a knowledge of the common law. Of its past usefulness, it is a sufficient index to name a few of the men who have been enrolled among its faculty. The names of Story, Greenleaf, Parker, Parsons and Washburne are revered by every student of the law. It would require more space than I would be permitted to consume to name the men who received their early training within its doors and have since attained eminence. Among them were Rufus Choate, Charles Sumner, Caleb Cushing and Wendell Phillips, men who, though gone, live and do honor to that training in history. Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Gray of the U. S. Supreme Court, our minister to the Court of St. James, and seven of our senators are graduates of the institution, and the catalogue shows that the school is well represented among the leaders of the bar in all our cities.

The Law School is a part of the University, and the students are entitled to all of the privileges that are open to those in the other departments. All the libraries and lecture-rooms are open to them, and they are allowed to supplement their law work with any other studies they may choose. The facilities offered them for the pursuit of their work could not be bettered. The Law School itself, a beautiful structure, designed by Richardson, is situated conveniently near Memorial Hall, where most of the students board, and the college yard. The doors are opened at eight a. m. and closed at ten in the evening, and anyone visiting the reading-room between these hours will find a busy scene. The reading-room, a commodious and handsome one, is the workshop, every student being provided with a desk, and there, surrounded by the library of 25,000 volumes, he does his work. There is a prevalent, but certainly an erroneous impression, that Harvard *students* do not *study*, but this imputation is never cast at members of the Law School. No matter how much of a "bird" one may have been in college, no matter how often his cuts have brought conditions, when he enters the Law School he adopts the habits of the "grind."

Almost all the work is done in the reading-room, and this is from necessity, and one of the results of the *system* in use in the Harvard Law School. Until Prof. Langdell became dean of the school, some twenty years since, the lecture system, as in use at other law schools to-day, was used here. That is, the standard text-books were used, and as a supplement to this, the instructor lectured to the class, they taking notes and being subjected to an occasional "quiz." Here no text-books, in the popular sense, are now used, except as they may be read outside of the course and as supplementary to it. The theory of the system is that embodied in the old Spanish maxim :

"If you want the golden apple,
You must climb the tree and shake it."

It is that of the naturalist who accepts no one's statements, but who searches for the specimen, analyzes it himself, and comparing this analysis with others he has made, classifies and arranges it. The method is essentially that of the text-writer in formulating his work. The common law is but a collection of the adjudicated cases of the English courts from [the earliest times, and legal text-books are but digests of these cases. For a better explanation of the workings of the system, I will quote from Prof. Keener's preface to his "Select Cases on Quasi-Contracts":

"While this method of teaching does not at all proceed on the idea that the common law is wanting in jurists, its advocates regard the adjudged cases as the original sources of our law, and think that it is better for the student, under proper advice and guidance, to extract from the case a principle, than to accept the statement of any jurist, however eminent he may be, that a certain principle is established by certain cases. When the student has, by the study of cases, grasped a principle, it has assumed to him a concrete form, and he can apply it, because it was by studying it in its application that he has acquired his knowledge. Under this system the student must look upon the law as a science consisting of a body of principles, to be found in the adjudged cases, the cases being to him what the specimen is to the geologist. And judged from this point of view, an over-ruled case may be of as much importance as a decision that has never been questioned. * * *

The student is required to analyze each case, discriminating between the relevant and the irrelevant, between the actual and possible grounds of decision. And having thus discussed a case, he is prepared and required to deal with it in relation to other cases. In other words, the student is practically doing as a student what he will be constantly doing as a lawyer. By this method the student's reasoning powers are constantly developed, and while he is gaining the power of legal analysis

and synthesis, he is also gaining the other object of legal education, namely, a knowledge of what the law actually is." To some the difficulty may present itself that the cases are innumerable, and that under such a system study can have no end. This has been met by the preparation of lines of cases selected by the professors, and, with head-notes omitted, published in book form for almost all the courses. These cases are carefully analyzed by the student, and he goes into the lecture-room prepared, not to hear a lecture, but to discuss the case with the instructor. The latter usually sits simply as a moderator and directs the discussion. He calls upon some one to state the facts of the case, the arguments of the counsel, and the decision of the Court upon the principle involved. Then the student is asked whether he agrees or disagrees with the ruling of the Court, and in either case must state his reasons. Perhaps another may take a different view; and if so, the gage is thrown, and these two enter into a debate upon the question. After the subject has been sifted the instructor gives his own view, explaining it fully and citing authorities in its support. One case suggests another, and affords an opportunity for comparison and generalization. The class-room discussions give the student readiness of thought and self-reliance, and breed in him a spirit of investigation and research. Every principle thus gained seems a discovery of ones own, and one is not likely to forget it.

This is the "case system," in which the Harvard Law school is peculiar. There is a mistaken but rather widespread impression that cases *only* are studied here and that the use of text-books is discouraged. Says Prof. Keener: "An inspection of the books on the shelves of the library will show how erroneous is the idea that text-books have been banished from the school. The instructors not only endeavor to acquaint the student with the relative merits of the various authors, but also make such references to text-books during the course of the lecture as may be necessary." As to whether the system in use here is a success or not, we have only the testimony of those practicing lawyers who have observed the work of the graduates of the school. Certainly an endorsement of it may be claimed, however, in the fact that in 1886 substantially the Harvard system was introduced in his classes by the Law Lecturer in Queens College, Cambridge, and that within the present year Prof. Ames' Cases on Torts have been introduced into the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

As adjuncts to the instruction obtained in the class room there are the Moot and Club courts. The former convene once a week during the year, and are argued by second and third year men before the instructors, but as each student can appear in but one case during the year, the club

courts probably outstrip them in usefulness. These club courts are composed of sixteen students each, eight from the first year and eight from the second, and there is almost as much rivalry among the various clubs in securing good men as there is among college fraternities at the "spiking season." The work done is substantially that of the Moot courts. The docket for the first year or Superior Court is usually so arranged that each man shall argue at least four cases during the year, one member of the Supreme or second year court presiding as chief-justice at each meeting, and six members of the Superior Court sitting as his associates. The chief-justice and those of the associate justices who see fit to disagree with him, are expected to write exhaustive opinions, and these are filed and eventually bound. In the Supreme Courts the work varies, although in most of them it consists chiefly in the argument of cases. These courts have all the merits of a debating society, and in addition teach the members how to handle authorities and acquaint them with the law on the various questions under discussion.

The membership of the Harvard Law School is drawn from all the States, and a great number of colleges are represented. It is the unanimous opinion of the men from other colleges than Harvard, that they have never seen students impressed with more zeal, imbued with more enthusiasm, than they are here. This may or may not be the result of the "system," but it at least speaks well for the school.

JOSEPH R. VORIS, *Chi*, '87.

TO THE SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY.

When other days come back to me
 And range themselves before mine eye,
 My heart in fondness turns to thee,
 My brother-friends of Sigma Chi ;
 It turns with loyal love, and true
 And hearty friendship unto you ;
 And with a love that cannot die,
 It breathes thy name, O ! Sigma Chi !

O ! Sigma ! Sigma ! Sigma !
 Thy power's no enigma,
 For I see thy shining cross up in the sky ;
 God-blessed art thou, O ! Sigma,
 Peerless, without a stigma,
 O ! sinless, spotless, stainless Sigma Chi !

Its friendships teach us how to live,
 Its precepts teach us how to die ;
 I turn with boundless love and give
 To thee my heart, O ! Sigma Chi !
 Naught that my heart in fondness holds,
 Naught which my memory unfolds,
 Can bring a greater joy to me,
 Than when thy spotless cross I see.
 God-blessed art thou, O ! Sigma,
 Thy power's no enigma,
 For thy inspiration cometh from on high ;
 I love thee, Sigma, Sigma,
 Spotless, without a stigma,
 O ! sinless, stainless, spotless Sigma Chi !

In love, unselfish and sincere,
 It bound our youthful hearts as one ;
 Let nothing earthly interfere
 With holy friendship thus begun ;
 Earth holds no sweeter joy nor bliss,
 Nor greater happiness than this ;
 My earnest wish, my fondest sigh,
 Is for such love, O ! Sigma Chi.

Then fill the glass to Sigma,
 Peerless, without a stigma,
 Whose shining cross is blazoned on the sky ;
 Here's to thee, Sigma, Sigma,
 Thou peerless, matchless Sigma,
 Our sinless, spotless, stainless Sigma Chi !

GEORGE HINES GORMAN, Zeta, '85.

The Greek Press.

“ At the birth of each new era, with a recognizing start,
Nation wildly looks at nation standing with mute lips apart.”

These lines have been gratuitously furnished by Mr. Lowell, to illustrate the attitude of the Greek Press at the changed design on the famous cover of the Theta Delta Chi *Shield*. Long and persistent have been our repudiations of the “Woman of the Bath.” But the Influenza touched her, and she slept. It is an ill wind that blows *nobody* good. The reason of this felicitous demise is, that the *Shield's* editorial and typographical management have been transferred from New York City to Elmira, where they have been entrusted to the editorship of a practical printer.

The December number contains an account of the forty-third annual convention of Theta Delta Chi, which occurred at Young's Hotel, Boston, November 20th to the 22d. The poem delivered at the banquet is a creditable production, but the oration seems not to have been a very glittering success, as it is referred to in a very few words. An orator at a fraternity convention should choose a more weighty subject than “College Reminiscences,” and should commit his thoughts to manuscript. This subject would have done very well for a response to a toast, but is not capable of being developed into such an oration as the banquet of a general fraternity convention demands. In selecting an orator for a convention, one who will give thought and time to suitable preparation, should be chosen in preference to some brilliant, polished, or witty speaker whose words will be forgotten as soon as they are uttered. The *Shield* intends to give a portrait and extended sketch of one of its alumni in every issue. The mayor of Woonsocket, R. I., was the first victim. The alumni personals are numerous and full, and constitute the strongest feature of the magazine. Besides showing sagacity in devoting much space to the alumni, this printer-editor shows it also in calling attention to the advertisements in the *Shield*, saying a good word for every advertiser in particular.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly*, “the tall trim blonde in blue,” continues to sing the story of her soldier boys, giving a short biography of each one. It is to be regretted that no definite system was adopted (if it was possible) in the arrangement of these biographies, and that no incidents of the lives of the brave Chi Phi boys could be secured to vivify the statistical dry bones of the article. An interesting sketch of “Where

Chi Phi is in College," gives the latest data concerning the growth and status of the different institutions at which Chi Phi is represented. The writer indicates his sagacity in no other paragraph more than that in which he predicts the declining influence of the smaller Eastern colleges and the fast-increasing prominence of the greater institutions of the West and South :

The inability of some of the Greek-letter societies to keep the promise of their early advantages, is proof enough that a fraternity cannot grow in colleges which are not abreast of the times. For example, Union and Hobart are at present able to add little to the standing of fraternities which maintain chapters in those institutions, yet both have played an extremely important part in the history of Greek-letter societies. It is not necessary to carry the argument through all its illustrations, but it is evident that the strength of college fraternities will not come, in future, from second and third rate colleges, in New England and New York. Institutions like the State Universities of California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia and Texas, will be, in future, if they are not already, the superiors of the little institutions in the East, from which the reputation and influence of a number of the most important Greek-letter fraternities have been derived.

The advantages to be derived from "Fraternity Consolidation," are enthusiastically enumerated by another writer. He wishes the present number of fraternities—fifty odd—reduced to thirty, twenty or even ten, by uniting two or more of the present organizations. The prejudice of every fraternity man is at once aroused when the subject of "consolidation" is broached; he dislikes to think of giving up the "old name," the "old badge" or the "old ritual." True, fraternities are dependent largely on "sentiment." But their members, especially the alumni, are beginning to regard them as *organizations* whose real power is just beginning to be felt. The stronger such organizations can be made, the more opportunity will there be for accomplishing great results. Is it not worth while to consider this subject of consolidation in the spirit of reason, and of self-sacrifice if need be, in order that the prejudice of sentiment may not debar us perchance from acquiring the strength that there is in union?

The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, for January, rejoices over the birth of a new chapter at the venerable College of William and Mary, at Williamsburg, Virginia. The old college was the centre of the intellectual activity of the colony of Virginia, long before the Revolution, and had the honor of occupying buildings designed by that patron saint of architecture, Sir Christopher Wren. Owing to financial embarrassment the historic institution had been closed from 1881 until 1888, when it was reopened. Kappa Alpha is thus "entering on the ground floor" of the

new regime. What the number and character of the students now in attendance at the university are, the article does not state. The condition imposed by the State of Virginia, that there should be a course of "normal methods and the admission of a number of State students," together with the fact that the University of Virginia is the especial pride of the State, does not warrant the hope of a very brilliant future for the former institution in the near future. But if the old college can bank on the reputation of her illustrious alumni, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall and Winfield Scott, and on the consciousness that it gave birth to the first Greek-letter fraternity (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1777, then her future is assured. May Kappa Alpha's faith be rewarded!

A delightfully roasted chestnut on "The Death Penalty," reminds us of our first acquaintance with a literary society. Two pages are devoted to a sarcastic, oh, so sarcastic (*sic*) fling at Delta Upsilon for presuming to upbraid one of the Kappa Alpha editors for a lack of fraternity knowledge. But the *Kappa Alpha Quarterly* is glad to crib from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* under the guise of "Ex.," the item that "the new President of Bucknell University is a Phi Kappa Psi." Talking unkindly of people, and then imitating them, does not seem at all inconsistent to the *Quarterly*. It will lead to embarrassment always, this instance not excluded. For the new President of Bucknell is really a Sigma Chi, one John H. Harris, Ph. D., who was a member of our chapter at Bucknell University, in the Class of 1869.

Santa Claus did not put as much as usual into the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly's* Christmas stocking. Its rotundity was considerably impaired by the editor's failure to receive a promised account of the recent Delta Upsilon convention. The editor further revels in his unhappiness by informing us that, though the convention was in every other respect a success, yet some unconstitutional legislation was passed. In this hour of his published gloom, the editor of the *Quarterly* has our most tender disapproval. A writer who is giving hints to young men on success and failure, takes occasion to say a few very sensible words on the advantages of alumni continuing their literary and scientific studies by the purchase and reading of current books and magazines, fraternity publications, very properly, being included. He says:

Silly notions and narrow views as to what is "economy" have something to do with what issues in waste of life and energy. Often students leave college in debt, or with little to start on. Hence, they most foolishly and wastefully deny themselves books, papers and magazines devoted to their profession, or for

general culture, because they cannot see the money immediately returning in increased income. It is an amazing fact, ludicrous from one point of view, serious and alarming from another, that some actually cease at once to be book buyers or readers on graduating. Visit the college graduate a decade or two after the commencement roses have withered, and you too often see that the canon of literature closed in the year of his diploma. Such "economy" is not the law of right living, but dissipation and anarchy.

* * * * No better means of special culture in this line do I know of than regular reading of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*. It will keep a man from silly contempt of the college boy. It will save him from cynicism, hold him fresh and full of warm-heartedness. It will stimulate him to honest ambitions, and often enrich him with valuable hints which he can coin into success.

The Executive Council of Delta Upsilon has been criticized, the *Quarterly* says, for not publishing more of its doings in the official organ. So, as a departure, the Executive Council formally and confidently announces, that as a certain past Secretary of that august and unapproachable body was now in ill health, resolutions of respect had been passed by the present Council in appreciation of the ex-official's past services. How near to the hearts of the active members must this governing board be? Think of being asked for information as to what was really being done to advance the cause of the fraternity, and then being answered by the statement that the Council had actually passed some "resolutions of respect!" The active members of Sigma Chi would depose such a Council in short order. They would also depose any Council which would propose the abolition of the *Bulletin*, for that lively little newspaper brings them into the most intimate participation in the proceedings of the rulers of the fraternity. The members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity have asked their Council for bread, and they have received a stone. Some of our journalistic energy may be deflected from the public organ of the fraternity, but the stimulation of the zeal of active and alumni members, prompted by the *Bulletin*, repays by far the possible (but, we think, not real) curtailing of the *QUARTERLY*'s size and power.

The correspondent from Lafayette College lapses into some sweetly purile poetry. The *Quarterly* loves to select gems (†) from our chapter letters; but we will heap on its head coals of fire, till they loom like Pelion on Ossa, by merely suppressing any further notice of that poetry.

We welcome the *Beta Theta Pi* after its life in the desert. Locusts and wild honey seem to have been a very nutritious diet, for its neat and tasteful appearance make it one of the most prepossessing of our exchanges. An exhaustive and valuable article on "Fraternity Journalism," has this to say of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*:

Sigma Chi began the publication of a bi-monthly in April, 1881. It has stood well up among the other journals, and has been ably handled. During 1881-'82 it published a list of members supplemental to that contained in the catalogue of 1876. In 1883, W. L. Fisher was made the editor, and it has been under his hands ever since. The editor, in typographical arrangement, has patterned closely after the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, presently to be described. He has made a fine magazine, and one which has been a creditable representative of the fraternity. Much historical matter has been presented in its pages, and, while it is not our intent to describe particular articles, one upon "The Recollections of a Rebel Private" was worthy of any magazine. In 1887 a new departure in fraternity journalism was taken by this fraternity. It was felt that the policy and plans of the executive could not be safely discussed in a journal so liable to fall into the hands of rivals, and a monthly *Bulletin* was established, which contained all the news which the fraternity authorities desired to keep private. This was printed on thin paper and sent each month in sealed wrappers to such of the alumni as requested it. We are informed that the plan has been as successful as it was original. It is worthy of imitation.

The *Beta Theta Pi* will please accept our thanks, and notice that the editorship of our *Quarterly* has changed, though we hope its quality never will—unless for the better. The article closes with the words :

A union of the business interests of the different journals would be desirable, as they do not separately command the advertising patronage which their combined circulation of nearly forty thousand should obtain. A central bureau might easily obtain and print advertisements and distribute them among these periodicals, and it might also similarly obtain and distribute plate matter upon topics of common interest. *The Beta Theta Pi* would be glad to be the medium for the interchange of ideas upon the subject.

The feasibility of establishing a bureau of advertising and plate matter grows every day more apparent. The \$25,000 now spent in supporting the fifteen or twenty fraternity journals, can be made to do far more effective service, if some of it can be expended in paying able writers to prepare exhaustive monographs and articles on general fraternity subjects for the use of all the magazines. Sigma Chi extends a cordial hand of coöperation in this laudable, pan-hellenistic enterprise.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, for January, contains the full text of the speeches made at the banquet of the national convention held recently at Boston. They are representative after-dinner speeches, containing much of wit and enthusiasm for *Δ K E*. From the able speech of General Francis A. Walker, we clip these pithy sentences :

And again, there is a very much wiser view of the rear end of a college education than used to prevail. It is not merely scholarship now ; it is not merely those sterner virtues which our best teachers and professors and presi-

dents seek to promote. They fully recognize, what in my day was almost entirely disregarded, the virtue there is in the cultivation of social graces. Not the power of oratory, but the power of pleasing address, of easy and pleasant address, of the ability to meet others, strangers or acquaintances, agreeably, pleasantly, and to produce an altogether agreeable impression. The cultivation of those graces and arts of life have more to do, I sincerely believe, with the success of men in life than the sterner virtues even, or the scholarship which, in my day, was almost the sole object which college faculties set before themselves.

And still again, the greater intimacy and closer relation of the colleges with each other, the gradual establishment of a real community and fraternity of colleges, is owing to our secret societies, a reason for their existence, and a field for the exercise of influence altogether beyond what was conceived of in the early times.

The response of Mr. Tracy C. Drake, of Chicago, to the toast, "Our Alumni Associations," was an especially graceful and witty effort, and showed the alumni organization of the Northwest to be in a very flourishing condition. From the enthusiasm with which Mr. Drake undertakes the organization of any movement in which he is interested, we presume that to him is due much of the credit for the alumni activity of this section of the country.

An editorial on the recent extension of the fraternity, contains an allusion to the revival of Kappa Chapter, at Miami University. The words will be interesting to Sigma Chi, for from the loins of this famous chapter, in its palmyest days, sprang our own fraternity. They will go to show how "the fathers" of Sigma Chi are regarded by the fraternity which still proudly carries their names on its rolls.

The record of Kappa Chapter from the moment of its establishment to the moment when the brethren gathered around its altar on that Commencement eve in 1876, is a record of which the fraternity is proud. The loyalty, the enthusiasm and the eminence of Kappa's sons entitle them to the highest consideration in the councils of *Δ K E*. It is, therefore, with peculiar pleasure and pride that we chronicle the revival of Kappa in its old home at Miami University. Before these lines can be read the flame will have again burst forth; the songs will have been sung, not now with the echoes of sadness, but with notes of highest jubilation, and a new era in the history of Kappa will have begun. May the roll of the future be illuminated with the names of sons as virtuous, as brave, as illustrious as those who maintained her honor in the past!

In an editorial on "Extension By Subsidy," the editor is severely shocked to know that a "Barb" at some Eastern college was offered financial assistance if he would undertake the establishment of a chapter of a certain fraternity. Phi Gamma Delta is designated indirectly as

the "certain fraternity." While we condemn as severely as *Δ K E*, the system of *paying men to organize chapters*, we believe that there is a legitimate field for expense in assisting young chapters into chapter houses, and enabling them to offer advantages equal to their more firmly established rivals.

If the editor of the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega is a Presbyterian, we all know where he stands in regard to the revision of the Confession of Faith; if he is a Democrat, we know what he thinks of Tariff Reform; if he is not a personal friend of Col. Brice, we know what he thinks of making the election of Senators dependent on the direct suffrage of the people. The *Palm* is a born iconoclast. Its meat is progress; its drink is reform. On its banners are inscribed the words of the poet-laureate:

"Not in vain the distance beacons. Forward, forward let us range,
Let the great world spin forever down the ringing grooves of change."

This time it is a scheme to publish a Pan-Hellenic Annual by organizing a Pan-Hellenic League at the thirty-eight colleges at which Alpha Tau Omega is represented. It is hard enough to gather the material for an Annual when the contributors are all in one college town, but scatter them in thirty-eight, and even Hercules would despair of collecting all of it. But the *Palm's* effort to stimulate pan-hellenic work, is extremely laudable, and we hope that some of its suggestions may be adopted, notably the editor's proposal to found a bureau of advertising and plate matter, for the benefit of the entire Greek press. If the editor is willing to organize a pan-hellenic publication of some sort, Sigma Chi, we are sure, will lend her assistance to any project which seems feasible, and which which will not lessen the power of our particular fraternity organ.

The policy of the *Palm* seems to indicate a sentiment favorable to Alpha Tau Omega's consolidation with some other fraternity; but the opinions of fifteen active chapters, expressed by invitation, are almost without exception against such a scheme.

The chapter letter from Hillsdale College, Michigan, says the "tax proposed would prove a heavy burden in such a school as ours." Not long ago it read something like this: "Our dues have been made so reasonable that many men who would otherwise be deprived of the benefits of a fraternity, have been enabled to join us." We have often heard of the "poor man's party," but never before of the *poor man's fraternity*. Now, if Hillsdale *must* be permitted to talk, can't Alpha Tau Omega send it a nice missionary box, and have *its* tune changed—just for one issue!

Fie, fie, unworthy Deke! This statement that the "*Key* is up to its usual standard; we sincerely wish that Kappa Kappa Gamma would somehow manage to set its standard higher," is unworthy of your better judgment, not to say your chivalry. How appropriate to your unkind remarks are these words from an excellent article in the December *Key*:

The good old days of the fairy tales and false chivalry are past. In this eminently practical age brains, as well as cabbages, must be taken to market, and it not infrequently happens that they are hard to sell. Pertinacity, tact, and, it must be confessed, a lusty voice to cry one's wares, are indispensable adjuncts to one's stock in trade. Editors, too, are much-nagged and pestered men, and it should not be a matter of surprise if they are sometimes curt, especially toward women, whose business-like methods are held generally in suspicion.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has been decidedly "curt," and in its calmer moments should apologize. Remember, ΔKE , that your fraternity is far older and by some thousands larger than Kappa Kappa Gamma, and should have a much higher standard of journalism; that the *Key*, for literary, typographical and editorial management, is the best of the female Grecian publications, and far ahead of many of her male rivals. An interesting symposium on "Shall Kappa Kappa Gamma Enter Only Co-educational Colleges," is summarized in this way:

Co-education is the ideal method. Girls educated by themselves are not so apt to form normal notions of life as those educated among men. It is the normally cultivated women that we want in our fraternity. Therefore, co-education is the stronghold of a fraternity like ours. But, on the contrary, it can be said with reason that the colleges for women are becoming broader year by year, and that by the time the regulations against fraternities are removed, they will be plenty modern enough to have a charter from any good fraternity. But until these best Eastern institutions for women do open their doors to the Greek world, co-educational colleges alone should be considered.

The December number of *The Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta, is eloquent with the accounts of the convention of that fraternity held at Bloomington, Illinois, in October. The poem and oration are very creditable productions, and were delivered with other literary and musical exercises, in Schroeder's Opera House. A ball followed on the next evening, succeeded by a banquet, and a reception respectively, on the last two evenings of the convention. Among the events of the convention was the presentation of Phi Delta Theta badges to the retiring members of the General Council. A new ritual was submitted for trial by all of the active chapters, it having been presented at two preceding conventions for amendment. Great credit is due to a committee

which will use proper diligence in the revision of a fraternity ritual. More harm than good is often done by enthusiasts who, if put on a committee for the purpose, find that such changes require more time and thought than they had anticipated and are willing to give to the work. The *Scroll* has been transferred from New York City to Columbus, Ohio, and is now published by John Edwin Brown, as a bi-monthly. He is also the business manager of the publication ; and besides a regular salary receives a proportionate share of the profits of the magazine, both of which innovations will add very probably to the efficiency of the *Scroll*.

Formal notice of the expulsion of the members of the chapter at the University of Minnesota is given ; causes, "Actions dishonorable as men, and disloyal and treasonable to the fraternity." Does it not reflect upon Delta Kappa Epsilon to have given a charter to men who were stigmatized in these severe words by, and expelled from, a sister-fraternity ? The days of "lifting" were supposed to have passed, but ΔΚΕ still seems to think nothing of her duty to another fraternity, and of the dishonor which attaches to expulsion from it, when a chance for her own extension is presented.

A writer in the January number of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* is right when he says that "the formal placing of the *Quarterly* in the hands of Bros. Howe, Siling and Mattern, was another stroke of good management and wisdom on the part of the long-headed delegates, and one that will yield fruit an hundred fold." Here is a graceful bit of verse from the "Hope" of these three Graces, descriptive of King Greek :

Kings only we would seek, kings not by birth,
Power, riches, place ; but men of royal worth,
True Kings—than other men of finer mould,
As "Grecians," only such we would behold.

Fraternity, equality, the same ?
Nay ; a proud exclusiveness we claim,
An aristocracy not as of old
Based on descent ; we, rather, hold
A nobility of character, of thought,
Of aspiration, of high ideals sought.
The "Greek" a king should be with royal mien,
But one whose generous heart responds, *Ich dien*.

Editorial.

FLAGS AND FLOWERS.

THETA DELTA CHI has advanced a claim recently to being the first fraternity which has ever displayed a flag peculiar to the fraternity. The claim is founded upon the floating of Theta Delta Chi's colors over the Astor House in New York City at the annual convention in 1870.

So many of the chapters of the different fraternities have entered and are entering chapter houses, that it has become almost a necessity for every fraternity to adopt a flag for the use of chapters occupying houses. Yet Sigma Chi has never adopted a flag officially, as far as we know. It is a matter to which we wish to call the attention of the fraternity, and especially the delegates to the next Biennial Convention. A flag should be almost as necessary to a fraternity as to a nation. It should be run up the staff of every chapter house and hall, both on the anniversaries of the founding of the fraternity and of the chapter; on the occasion of all important collegiate events; and should be displayed at half-mast in the event of the death of any member of the fraternity. The fraternity flag should decorate the assembly-room of every convention, and every banquet hall. Nothing inspires love and loyalty like a flag. It is the sight of the Stars and Stripes, after years or months of foreign travel, that brings tears of joy to the eyes of many an American. It is the "Old Flag" that is followed without fear to the cannon's mouth, and that, riddled with bullets, is the most sacred relic of war. While we have the "Old Badge" as the focus of our enthusiasm and our loyalty, there is still a province for a flag. The same spirit of devotion which prompted an alumnus of Psi to cut a cross from lead and place a "black enamel" center of gutta percha on it, during the Civil War, will prompt us all to pay as loyal an allegiance to a Sigma Chi flag.

Another question worthy of consideration is the selection of a Sigma Chi flower. Beta Theta Pi has selected the rose, leaving the peculiar variety to the taste of each chapter. Delta Tau Delta has selected the pansy. The adoption of a fraternity flower seems a wise and judicious step, not only because of its tendency to develop our *esprit du corps*, but because of its practical utility as a decoration to our publications, menu cards, and the walls of our chapter halls. The white rose and the red rose, the laurel, the shamrock and the thistle, have all played a prominent part in the world's history. They have been the inspiration of warriors and of poets; the symbols of men's loyalty to party, and of their love of country and of home. Give us besides a

fraternity flag a fraternity flower, that about them both may rally the devotion of the men who wear, as a badge, the symbol which means to man more than all other symbols that the world has known.

GIVING TO FRATERNITY OBJECTS.

THIS is the season of the year when the churches are calling upon their members to indicate what amount they will contribute during the coming year to the various enterprises in which they are engaged. May not the fraternities also agitate this subject, *not by begging for more*, but by indicating what they consider as the proper reasons and motives which should govern alumni in their continued support of the order. The most common support extended to the fraternity is that given as subscriptions to the official magazine. But the magazine itself is a *quid pro quo*; so in the eyes of most of the subscribers, the subscription is not a mere gift. Some members of the fraternity may subscribe as a matter of duty, and consider the act charity. This is very commendable, but if such members will take the pains to read carefully and digest all that the magazine contains, we venture to say that they will consider the QUARTERLY as more than worth its cost in literary and social value. If alumni are not pleased with the conduct of the QUARTERLY, or wish to suggest new features, the editor is always glad to receive knowledge of their ideas. The best way to improve a fraternity publication is to assist in the work yourself by writing articles on fraternity or college subjects, or by sending in personalia concerning yourself and others.

Neither is subscription to a fraternity catalogue to be regarded as a gift. The personal satisfaction which a reader has in seeing his college life once more presented to his view by the history of his chapter and college, and by the biographies of his most intimate college associates, is alone worth more than the price of such a book, aside from his feelings of pride that his fraternity was strong enough and its workers loyal enough to publish such creditable volumes as are nearly all modern fraternity catalogues. The actual business benefit to be derived from the acquaintances which may be made by means of the Residence Directory of a catalogue, have repaid many a purchaser over and over again. It was only the other day that the Grand Tribune of the Sigma Chi Fraternity received a telegram asking for the "name of the best Sigma Chi lawyer" in a certain prominent city. With a business directory of that city such as will be given in our forthcoming catalogue, before him, the telegram of this inquirer would have been unnecessary. The business relations of members of the fraternity, especially in our large cities, need

more attention from the alumni. With a general awakening of interest in the business welfare of one another, there is no limit to the good which different members of the fraternity can do for each other. No Sigma Chi alumnus fails during some period of his life to have opportunity to aid another in a substantial business way ; and it is hoped that no one will be found whose loyalty will not prompt him to do all he can for his fellow-Sig.

But in the matter of assisting chapters to occupy rooms and to build or rent houses, there is a broad field for philanthropic giving, pure and simple. Remember that when you contribute to a chapter-house fund, you are honoring the chapter to which you owe much if not the most of the valuable training which you received at your alma mater ; that you are honoring your general fraternity, which is now beginning to be judged to a certain extent by the number of its chapters which occupy or own houses. Remember that you are doing the noblest thing that man can do, namely, the giving of your means that your fellow-men may be happier, and that their youth at college may be of more benefit to themselves, to their fraternity, and to the world.

THE CATALOGUE.

THE Geographical Index for the new Catalogue is now almost entirely printed. The Alphabetical Index will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and when it is all printed the book will be ready for the binders. Great care is being exercised to make these indexes absolutely correct and complete, so the work is necessarily slow. There is every reason to believe that the book will be ready for delivery in May at the farthest, and possibly before that time.

Chapter Letters.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

The present week has been one of the saddest in the history of Beta Chapter, and, indeed, in the history of Sigma Chi, for during it she has lost one of her best known and most loyal members, Prof. Karl Merz, who died Thursday, January 30, after a short illness. No event in Wooster's history has ever caused such unusual sorrow, both in the city and university, as the announcement of his death that afternoon. His reputation as a composer, musical writer and lecturer, was national, though to the members of Sigma Chi he was perhaps better known as the composer of several pieces of Sigma Chi music. By Beta Chapter in particular he is mourned as a personal friend and loved adviser, and will live in memory as our ideal of a Sigma Chi. The resolutions passed by the chapter, and a more extended notice appear in another part of the QUARTERLY.

Our sorrow was rendered doubly great, on the evening of February 1, by the receipt of a telegram announcing the death of Bro. Alfred Hartwell Kellogg, '87, at Sewickley, Pa., of typhoid fever. Bro. Kellogg was known as one of the brightest graduates Wooster has ever sent forth, and his untimely death is greatly mourned by all who knew him.

To pass away from the sad side of Beta's life ; since our last letter we have gained a victory over two rivals, which has made us the observed of all observers. The victory was in the initiation of J. T. Miller, '98, of Washington, D. C. He has been decidedly the most sought after man in his class, and we think we have a right to feel proud in presenting him to the fraternity. He is a brother of J. F. Miller, Beta, and M. C. Miller, Theta Theta.

The annual pan-hellenic banquet is to be held February 21, and of course a great time is anticipated. The Convention of the Third Province, which is to be held here in April, is a subject for constant talk and thought with us, and we earnestly hope will be a success. Of course we mean by success, a large attendance, for the good of these conventions is largely measured by the attendance upon them.

The preliminary oratorical contest took place last week, and was won by J. C. White, a barb, W. E. Forgy, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, taking second place. The State contest will be held at Springfield the 20th of the month.

Quite a ripple of excitement was caused last term by the announcement of an order against dancing, which had hitherto been permitted. As a result a stag dancing club was formed, and a big dance given in one of the halls in the city. Half of the boys were dressed as girls, and of course we had a great deal of fun. The good people, opposed to dancing, were still more shocked when the *Police Gazette* and *News* both came out the next week with our pictures. More excitement was caused by the success of our foot-ball team than by any other inter-collegiate sport in which Wooster has been interested. We had one man on the team, Bro. Riddle, the phenomenal full back. The Denison team, which we defeated 48 to 0 and 50 to 0, had on it six Sigs. Perhaps if the other five had been Sigs the score would have been different, that is, more in Denison's favor. Our men who went to Denison were royally entertained by the Sigs there, and we are only sorry that we did not have a better opportunity to entertain them while here.

GAMMA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Nothing of particular interest has occurred here since the opening of the present term. The fraternities have initiated but few new men so far this session. Yet we are privileged to announce that since last vacation we have once worn the Gold and Blue in honor of L. A. Ireton, '98.

The Greeks are now looking forward to the pan-hellenic banquet as the next date of interest here. Considerable attention in a general way is also being given to the publication of the *Bijou*, our college annual, which has failed to appear for some time. From the interest being taken in the matter, we feel assured that the most excellent board of editors which has been chosen, will give us once more a creditable publication. We contemplate securing a new cut if we can get anything satisfactory.

Ex-President Bascom, of the Wisconsin University, has just completed a course of lectures on the subject of sociology, to the four college classes of this institution, which were instructive, and highly appreciated. Ohio Wesleyan University feels that she has gained new and needed strength in Dr. Bashford, the new President, who is a pronounced success, and in the recent liberal yet long-deserved donations she has just received.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since our last letter was sent a great deal of interest to us has occurred. Bros. E. E. Brougher and F. C. Holmes were elected Editors of the *University Magazine*, from the Phi Sigma Literary Society. We have sustained some losses. Bro. Robt. Friend left the university to go into business with his brother-in-law at Oxford; Bro. Wm. E. Gill stopped Christmas to assist his father in starting a business at Oak Ridge, La.; he will complete his course at Tulane University; Bro. W. J. Beasley did not return after the holidays,—he will either go to Tulane, or get married; Bro. T. E. Enoch returned, but soon had to go home on account of bad health; Bro. J. A. Posey also had to return on account of his health. Though we have lessened in numbers, we have not lost in enthusiasm. Soon after my last letter was sent we initiated a man who is a whole team in himself, and I introduce to Sigma Chi circles James Alcorn Glover, of Eagle's Nest, Coahoma Co., Miss. He entered the Junior Law Class here on the 25th of October, '89. From his deportment, appearance and family, which is that of Ex-Gov. Alcorn on one side and the Glovers of Alabama on the other, three leading fraternities in the University decided that he would make a good Greek. His cousin is a $\Delta K E$, and his uncle a $\Delta \Psi$, but ΣX went in to win, and in three weeks he was wearing Bro. Posey's badge causing some commotion in Oxford social circles, where he is a great favorite, as the odds had been freely offered in favor of the other fraternities getting him. He shines elsewhere than in society, however, for he is leading his class, and will get the Anniversarianship of the Hermæan Society. At the last election in Phi Sigma, Bro. Holmes was elected President without opposition. At the Memorial Exercises for Jefferson Davis, Bro. Brougher was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

Friday, January 17, we were made happy by a visit from Bro. Jno. F. Posey; his legs and mustache have grown longer since he was with us, but his heart is in the right place and beats for Sigma Chi. As we had a candidate on the tapis we arranged an impromptu initiation, and had one of the jolliest times in our history. We took Thomas Huey, of Mississippi, through all the mysteries, besides conferring some side degrees upon our visitors, Bros. Posey and Plant. Afterwards John Franklin Posey invited us to the restaurant, where a generous feast was spread, and we sped our guests departure with pranks and jokes and listening to earnest counsel.

The next night took place the Trial Debate for places to compete for Hermæan's Senior Medal at Commencement. Five speakers representing four clubs and the barbs, $\Delta K E$, ΣX , $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Sigma A E$ and a non. The two first were the favorites. The debate was well contested. J. H. Price, ΣX , received first place, A. B. Amis, non-fraternity, second place. It was very close for the second place, but nearly all concede first to Price. I hope in my next to tell you of other honors won by the sons of Eta. We are now the unlucky number of thirteen, but have our eyes on some unsuspecting

barbs, and I may have to chronicle another initiation soon. We are not afraid of numbers so long as we can find the proper material. $\Delta K E$ has about 80, $\Delta \Psi 27$ or 28.

THETA — PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

An athletic association has been organized, after considerable feeling and fuss; an ex-Phi Delta Theta was selected as base-ball manager, and a Phi Kappa Psi as President. The former was a sort of fusion candidate, and at the last moment was elected without opposition, the clique not even nominating their man. If the organization can avoid dissensions this season it may be able to exist, but the experiment has been repeatedly attempted here before and has always failed miserably.

In fraternity life it is a pleasure to "run" men; to fight, in friendly conflict, the rival Greeks, and, having "spiked" your man, to know he is safe. But your competitors must be *honorable*; *they must be gentlemen*. I will mention no names; but the location can be easily determined when I say that one of the chapters — and a large one at that — is entirely lacking in this respect. Their motto is not "fair, open fight and the best frat wins," but something after the nature of "the means justifies the ends." Time after time has this aforesaid chapter been beaten this and other collegiate years, and the prize pledged by the conquerors; but, unless initiated at once, the labor was generally in vain. These so-called gentlemen only redouble their exertions, and, by means known only to themselves, persuade the pledged men to break their word and join their number. There may be "honor among thieves," but this certain chapter has no claim whatever to such a manly quality.

Theta has good news for the general fraternity. Her chapter-house is a thing of certainty, and from the present outlook, this time next year may see it nearing completion. Should such be the case it will prove of inestimable advantage, both in a social and fraternal way. Our alumni have been more than generous, and we hope to see a goodly number of them present next Commencement.

KAPPA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Kappa is still living and living hopefully. Bro. Null, who was one of our staunchest Sigs last year has returned to school and we have hailed his coming with delight. Spring sports at Bucknell are not very promising; most of our last year's Base Ball Club have left college, including five Sigma Chis who were connected with the team. Fraternity spirit at Bucknell had died out considerably since our last letter, but was somewhat revived by a startling (?) announcement of one of our antagonists. We noticed in the Bucknell letter of the *Shield* an assault on our chapter by A. L. Moore, the Phi Kappa Psi correspondent. A prominent alumnus member of Phi Kappa Psi says: "The reason that Moore and many other members got into our fraternity is that our finances were so low that we either had to take in a number of men or else let the chapter disband. In doing this we necessarily got a lot of men unfitted for fraternity work."

In justice to the other members of Phi Kappa Psi we will say that Moore's letter to the *Shield* was put in against their wishes. He read the letter to them in fraternity meeting before sending it, and some four of the members told him to cross out the roughest parts or not send in the letter at all. Instead of doing as requested, he made it worse. Immediately after the *Shield* came out three members of Phi Kappa Psi came to me and apologized for the article, and said it was against their wishes that it appeared.

LAMBDA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Lambda began the winter term of 1899-90 with a better prospect than she ever has begun one before. Bro. Bain, one of our enthusiastic Sophomores and a prize-

taker, is with us again, and will be the remainder of the year. We have no new men this year to introduce to our sister chapters, for there are few, if any, outside, who would make good fraternity men.

Much is to be expected of Indiana University the coming year in the way of athletics. Great interest is being taken in a gymnasium by both faculty and students.

- We already have the building, and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the apparatus.

Two of the 22d of February orators were chosen from the ranks of Sigma Chi. These places were given to the boys strictly on merit, and when merit is the measure of honors Sigma Chi is never behind.

MU — DENISON UNIVERSITY.

The winter term opened pleasantly at Denison University on January 3d. There are a few new students, but the only noticeable change is our new President—Dr. Daniel B. Purinton. President Purinton was formerly Vice-President and Professor of Metaphysics at West Virginia State University. He is a comparatively young man, yet he comes highly recommended for his scholarship and executive ability. He enters upon his work with enthusiasm, as if with the intention of building up the university in numbers and efficiency. We predict a prosperous reign for him.

Our local oratorical contest occurs on February 7th. Mu will be represented by Bro. Chamberlin. Sigma Chi is usually represented in these contests, and has a good record. The first honor has been awarded twice to her representatives, and second honor three times, making a record better, we believe, than either of the other fraternities can show. Phi Gamma Delta is not far behind. It is a notable fact that only once, and that several years ago, has a non-fraternity man won the contest. During the last four years Denison has taken two first and two second places in the State contest against contestants from eight or nine of the best colleges in the State.

The social season was opened very pleasantly by a reception given by Prof. Gilpatrick in honor of the new President. A large company, both of students and townspeople were present to welcome President Purinton to his new home. Preparations are already under way for the fourth annual Washington's Birthday banquet. By a sort of tacit agreement the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements and *ex-officio* toast-master, is allotted to each fraternity in turn. This year the honor falls to Beta Theta Pi. Bro. Whittemore will respond to the Sophomore toast. These banquets are becoming more and more interesting each year, and are a prominent feature of our college. On the evening of February 1st our beautiful hall was thrown open for a reception given by the Sigs to some of the fairest of our sisters at Shephardson College. Extensive preparations had been made for the event. Phi Gamma Delta gave a reception the same evening, and Sigma Chi was bound not to suffer in comparison. The result was one of the finest receptions and banquets ever given in Granville. The hall was resplendent with old gold and blue. Sweet odors from a profusion of choice flowers were wafted on every breath. The reception was one of the brilliant society events of the year.

There are some signs of progress about our college. The latest improvement is a gymnasium. For years there has been a large unoccupied building in one corner of the campus. This is being arranged as a gymnasium, and the apparatus is ready to be put in. Almost the entire work has been done by the students, the college contributing but twenty-five dollars. On account of the winter season athletics are at present at a stand still. But at the opening of spring a good foot-ball team will undoubtedly be put in the field, and, with our gymnasium and recreation grounds athletics will become more prominent than ever before.

We had the pleasure of entertaining two brothers from Beta last term at the time

of the Wooster-Denison foot-ball match. We are expecting to meet them all in April at the provincial convention, to which Mu will probably send a good delegation.

Considerable interest is manifested in the biennial convention of the fraternity. Our first choice for a place for holding this convention would be Washington, and Boston the second choice.

XI—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Phi Beta Kappa has established a chapter here. A majority of the members were chosen from the faculty. Seniors, attaining literary excellence, will be selected from year to year. At a recent meeting of Phi Beta Kappa, Bro. A. L. Masen was among the visiting members. The organized barbs have obtained a charter, and thus another fraternity will soon make its little bow to the De Pauw world. The annual reception of the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, was decidedly the most successful social event of the season. One hundred gentlemen, friends of the Thetas, attended. The Phi Kappa Psi boys have established themselves in the former residence of Dr. Bowman, on College Avenue. The annual banquet of the Pan-Hellenic Club will occur the 14th. Peace and harmony prevail among the fraternities at De Pauw.

The junior annual, *The Mirage*, will appear about the last of the term. This edition will be one of decided merit. Especial attention will be paid to the cuts. Contrary to the usual custom of inserting the coats-of-arms of the several fraternities, a photo-engraving of each local chapter will be used. Xi would be pleased to exchange annuals with sister chapters.

A remarkable interest has been aroused over the oratorical contest. Twenty-five students have avowed their intention to speak in the primary.

OMICRON—DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Omicron feels proud of her success this year. Never have our prospects been brighter and our ambitions higher. Our College Annual will soon be completed, in which Omicron will be suitably represented.

We have been informed that our chapter has been highly honored, by the fact of the *Rainbow*, the special organ of the $\Delta T \Delta$ fraternity, stating that we enjoyed the "distinguished honor" of initiating Preps. We would like to say that we hope that the *Rainbow* will be more correctly informed as to the matter in its future publications, that its veracity may not be as doubtful as the variety of colors which its name suggests. Nevertheless the chapter is grateful for its recognition by such a prominent and well-known periodical as the *Rainbow*.

OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The McGinty and La Grippe have played such havoc with the college world that when "they gathered up the fragments thereof" after the attack of the Irish-Russian combination, they couldn't begin to raise twelve basketsful.

An unwonted studiousness seems to hang like a nightmare over the college. Recitations and other abominations persist in depriving the students of their valuable time. But there's a good time coming; the Kappa Alpha Theta ladies will give a reception Friday, January 31; the following Friday the Greeks meet in their annual jubilation, otherwise known as the pan-hellenic stag banquet. This celebration is not at all popular with the Delta U's; they can't see it very well. They are on the outside of the fence. The fence is a brick wall, very high. They say they prefer to stay outside. But the fruit of the vine is exceedingly acid.

The Friday following this occasion will probably be devoted to the annual reception of the Kappa Kappa Gamma ladies. The visible supply of personals and gossip

is very short. Bro. B. L. McFadden, '89, has been called to the business managership of *The Lever*, a Chicago Prohibition weekly. "Phisto," vulgarly known as Chas. B. Wright, B. S., '89, has returned from Kansas City to his old home at Woodstock, Ill., where he will probably go into business.

The hotly contested declamation contest, which was chronicled as a future event in the last letter, came off in due season, or thereabouts. Bro. C. T. Watrous, who is winning fame as an elocutionist, was adjudged by the audience as victor, but the judges saw fit to divide the prize between him and Mr. Jenks, a Beta, who, it is only just to state, made a masterly effort. The old alumni of N. W. U. will be interested in learning that the chapel is being re-seated, opera chairs taking the place of the old oaken benches, the iron-bound benches, the moss-covered benches that held them so well. If your scribe did not value his reputation for veracity, he would also tell the alumni of a system of electric clocks that now adorn the walls, but he will wait till they grow stronger before venturing the assertion.

DELTA CHI—WABASH COLLEGE.

For the past three months fraternity circles at Wabash have been very active. We are glad to say that Delta Chi fully sustains her old reputation. We have been compelled to perform the unpleasant duty of expelling two of our members. But by these very expulsions our chapter has been more firmly united. Every element of dissension has disappeared from among us, and we are more enthusiastic Sigs than we ever were, which is saying a good deal. Our recent progress is also shown by the initiation of four new men, every one of whom has been spiked by at least two other fraternities. And it now gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Sigma Chi world Bros. Harry A. Murphy, of Sullivan, Indiana, Frank Erickson, of Chicago, Illinois, Harry Ream, of Muncie, Indiana, and Paul Rhoads, of Newport, Indiana. The Beta brag that they have never lost a spike, has once more been proven false. And as usual they lost the spike to Sigma Chi. We are well proportioned as to classes. We lose no men by graduation this year, and so will build up largely in numbers next. The class-room work of all our men has been above the average.

The one great event in fraternity circles at Wabash, is the establishment of a new fraternity, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$. Failing to get a charter from $\Delta K E$, they decided to start one of their own. We wish them success in their hazardous journey of fraternity life.

Since the publication of the last QUARTERLY, Wabash has received a liberal endowment of \$40,000 for the Chair of English. Plans are also about completed for two new handsome stone buildings, one for the library and one for a chapel.

Some time ago we wrote to the alumni, asking them for their photographs and the histories of their lives since graduation. We are hearing from them daily, and are ornamenting our hall with the pictures, which will make a valuable collection when completed. Their biographies will be entered in a book kept by the chapter for that purpose. Nothing encourages a chapter so much as knowing that it enjoys the hearty co-operation of its alumni. And from the answers of our alumni, we are convinced that they have attained success in their various paths of life, and that they still have a warm place in their hearts for their old chapter.

We have been unfortunate this term in the loss of several of our brothers. Bro. Huffer was compelled to leave last term on account of ill health. He is now at the Wisconsin Military Academy. Bro. Porter is in the electric light business at Fort Scott, Kansas. Bro. Rice is in the insurance business in La Fayette, Indiana. And this month we were grieved at the loss of Bro. Sam Merrill, Jr. He has the position of private secretary to his father, Col. Sam Merrill, who has been recently appointed Consul-General to Calcutta, India. While we are sorry to lose him, yet we envy him his trip. And he may be sure that he leaves warm friends behind him in the members

of Delta Chi. We are left with seven members, but we are living in fraternity spirit, and not in numbers. Never before, in the history of Delta Chi, has the spirit of brotherhood been so high as it is at the present time. With no prospects of backset, and with all the odds in our favor, we draw the curtain with all serene at Wabash.

ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

Among the resolutions adopted at the Convention of the Third Province held at Delaware, O., last Spring, one of the clauses read, in substance, "Where literary societies exist in an institution, we earnestly exhort all Sigma Chis to engage in their services actively for the acknowledged benefit accruing from them." Heeding this well-timed admonition, and true to the Kentucky nature, whose love of fine speaking crops out earliest in her youth, Zeta Zeta's membership in the literary societies is comprised of the majority of her men, with a stronger tendency towards these noblest instruments in all college advantages, than has been apparent for years. Our peerless champion, H. L. Godsey, again swept the Declamation Contest of its highest medal. Mr. Godsey had not been elected to participate in our primary contest for the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of Kentucky. After his victory on this occasion, and mindful of his being the victor in the second June oratorical, they did a very nice act, which was duly applauded by students, faculty and all, of placing Bro. Godsey on the programme. We will not prophesy, but will ask the brothers to look in the May QUARTERLY to see whether the gentleman mentioned represented Centre in the Association which holds its annual meeting here 4th of April next, and also whether he wins or loses the medal, should he so represent us. Other society honors have fallen to us, and by constantly striving to promote their best interests we hope for more.

The *Bulletin* report of our number was in error, as fourteen now answer to roll call, and fifteen have done so at one time last session. Bro. Vansant being called home by the sad death of his mother decreases us by one. Bros. Grubbs and Patrick are our accessions since last report.

Centre College continues enlarging and advancing under the progressive guidance of President Young. About 20 scholarships are in use now, having been endowed in twelvemonth largely by New York gentlemen. April first the sod will feel the spade and the earth removed for the foundations of a \$14,000 Gymnasium. The amount has about been reached desired for a Science Hall and new Dormitory. These will be monuments to the indefatigable energy of Dr. Young, who is a model Executive, Professor, and friend of the boys and all their progressive ideas.

ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI:

Since the last letter was written, we have had the pleasure of torturing Clyde Johnson, whom we now take pleasure in introducing to our fellow-Sigs. This makes six freshmen; but one, William R. Wood, has been compelled to give up study for a year on account of ill health. He is now engaged in the chemical laboratory of H. B. Furness, at Portsmouth, Ohio, experimenting with aluminium. Marshal K. Bon-sall, '93, has also withdrawn and taken up the study of law.

As predicted in the last QUARTERLY, a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been established here, and Sigma Chi tendered them a banquet at the Gibson House on the evening of January 2d. The Beta Theta Pis had nothing to do with getting it up, but attended as guests. At nine o'clock thirty-six hungry Greeks filed into the famous old banquet hall, and for a while there was an ominous lull in the conversation, as each sturdy son of Hellas did justice to the magnificent spread. As course after course disappeared the company grew more sociable, and when, at the end of the seventh course, the toasts were announced, they met a warm reception. Lewis

William Hoffman officiated as toast-master, and discharged the duties of his office in his own peculiar way, which insured success from the first, and made everybody feel at home. The first toast was "Pan-Hellenism," responded to by Frank H. Constant, of Beta Theta Pi, who suggested means for bringing fraternities into closer and more friendly relations. Charles A. Rubenstein, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, made an excellent speech in reply to "The University," and Campbell J. McDiarmid, of Beta Theta Pi, responded to "Athletics." George D. Harper, the silver-tongued orator of Sigma Chi, next extolled the merits of that oracle of wisdom, *The McMicken Review*, while Daniel F. Wilson followed Bro. Harper in an equally happy speech on "Fraternities." Gilbert D. Bailey, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, then sounded the praises of "The Ladies," amid cheers from their ever faithful worshipers. These speeches were interlarded with songs sung as only Greek can sing them; and then extemporaneous orators and songsters held the floor till long after midnight, when the University yell arose in one vast volume of sound, and the banquet ended in a blaze of glory.

Partly as the result of certain speeches made at the banquet, an athletic association has been formed for the control of all athletics of the University not covered by Field Day. Under its government are the base-ball, foot-ball and tennis teams. A magnificent guarantee fund has been subscribed, and we anticipate some good work soon in athletics.

The Sigs have formed themselves into a walking club, and with Bennett at the head, perform not less than twenty-five, nor more than a hundred, miles every other Saturday. We have just received from Professor Sproul a complete set of all the catalogues and reports of the University, from its establishment to the present time. T. J. Craighead, '89, who is with the Westinghouse Electric Co., at Chicago, gave us a visit on January 28. This was preceded by a visit from Irwin J. Smith, '89, of Chicago, who is now Assistant Chemist in the immense meat canning establishment of the Fairbanks Company. Bro. Smith, who is assisting in the preparation of the Indexes, brought the latest news from Chicago concerning the Catalogue.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The opening of this winter term of school found the Sigs here in circumstances most favorable. As usual all the boys returned at the beginning of this term and resumed their studies. The record of all for last term was exceedingly good, and the spirit to do excellent college work keeps pace with that to do good work in the fraternity. No new members have been initiated since last term, for the simple reason that the fraternity spirit, which is very rife here, almost immediately takes up, during the first term, all the material which goes to make a good Greek.

The editors of *The Makio*, the inter-fraternity publication here, have been chosen, one from each of the frats. Their names are as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, L. F. Kiesewetter; Phi Gamma Delta, H. S. Mitchell; Phi Delta Theta, J. E. Thompson; Chi Phi, H. C. Laughlin; Beta Theta Pi, H. L. Johnson; Sigma Chi, Geo. E. McCulloch. All of the editors were chosen in good time, and they will do their best to make this issue one of the *Makios* to be remembered.

Alpha Gamma had no representative this year in the oratorical contest; she is yet reclining upon last year's laurels. The contest was a most exciting one, as some of O. S. U.'s best men were candidates for oratorical honors. There were seven contestants, among them being one lady, Miss Helen Lemert, who acquitted herself well. This is the first time in the history of the University that a lady has taken part as a contestant. The oration "Monopoly and Communism," by W. H. Clark, colored, of the Class of '91, took first place. This oration was pronounced, by all who heard it, to be a masterly production. Clark is the first colored fellow also who ever appeared here as a candidate in such a contest.

The greatest social event perhaps of this year in college life here, was the dedication, on the last night in January, of the new Phi Kappa Psi hall. It can be called a social event for the reason that not only did the "Kaps," and many of their outside members participate, but also two members from each of the other fraternities here. Alpha Gamma was represented by D. T. Roy and F. H. Gale. It was, no doubt, *the* pan-hellenic affair in our fraternities' history. It gave conclusive evidence that the spirit of jealousy, which often exists between fraternities, is becoming here a relic of the past, and that above the tendency to honor and maintain one's own society, there is manifested "that spirit which makes mankind akin."

University day, February 22, is always looked forward to by the students here as as a day of great interest, especially because the Governor always accepts our invitation to be with us, and we always have the pleasure of listening to a speech from him. This interest is rather increased this year, because we have a new Governor, and all are anxious to hear what he has to say for the Ohio State University.

ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

Our Science Hall is moving out of the land of hope, and is not going to stop short of the campus. The preliminary plans have been drawn, and our Chicago trustees have taken upon themselves the getting together of the required \$200,000. An innovation with us this term is a regular gymnasium instructor. The nine is at work with him under the management of Bro. Cunningham. Our only foot-ball game during the fall was played with Madison; victory for Beloit. The Glee Club, under the leadership of Bro. Helm, and the Banjo Club, are getting ready for their annual tour next vacation.

Our chapter life has been very quiet; sleigh rides have not been very appropriate this winter. Invitations are out, however, for a large party at our rooms on the evening of February 7. We expect to have several of our alumni with us on that occasion. Next year's Freshman Class contains an unusually large number of nice boys; our prospects there are good.

We have just received from Alpha Sigma Chapter, with sorrow, the sad news of the death of Bro. Geo. H. Meacham, who spent the first two years of his fraternity life with our chapter.

ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The semi-annuals have just passed, and Alpha Theta enters upon a new term. That just finished has been a very successful one for our chapter. We have initiated five men, all fine fellows and prominent in the Institute. One of them, Bro. Hathaway, '91, is Editor-in-Chief of the *Tech*, and also of our junior annual, the *Technique*. Another initiate, Bro. Vorce, '93, is president of his class and a foot-ball man. He is a brother of C. B. Vorce, A Θ, '88. We have lost a most valuable member in Bro. C. H. Cromwell, '89, who returned to Tech this year to take a Post-Graduate course, but decided to go into business, and so left us a short time ago for his home. We have, however, a most loyal Sig in his brother, of '93, who joined us last term. Bro. Andrews has also left us, but we hope to have him among us once more before very long.

Owing to accidents, Tech's eleven was not so successful as we had hoped during the past season, but we expect to put a fine team in the field next year. The team was composed largely of green material this year, but as all the men are to return we should make a fine showing in the Association next fall. Bro. Germer has been re-elected foot-ball captain, and Bro. Williams manager for 1890. Bro. Williams is also editor and business manager of the *Tech*.

The chapter is to enter a new home during the vacation. We will probably take a flat on Huntington Avenue. This will be nearer the Institute than the Columbus Avenue suite.

The Institute has a valuable addition to her facilities in the new Engineering Building, which is now ready for occupancy.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

On December 9, 1889, the University of Wisconsin suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Wm. F. Allen, Professor of History. By his death the fraternities lost a true friend and an able supporter from among the faculty. The loss of Professor Allen was especially severe on the students of the University of Wisconsin at that time, because of the false light in which they had been placed by the late hazing difficulties and the need of all their friends being found able to help refute the unjust charges made against the students.

Shortly before the close of last term all chapters of fraternities represented here were served with a written notice of the "resignation" of Mr. Geo. Warren from $\Delta T \Delta$. Upon investigation it was found to be a virtual expulsion. Mr. Warren was one of the men who founded the chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$ here, and was one of their most prominent men, and his expulsion is looked upon as very peculiar, and unjust, by the other fraternity men here.

Since our last letter Alpha Lambda has, by a quick and decisive move, secured a chapter-house almost furnished. It has twelve rooms and a bath-room. The house has been the residence of Dr. Richards, ex-pastor of the Congregational Church. From the back porch or veranda one faces Fourth Lake, and as the house is on the hill the view is very extensive. Langdon Street, on which the house is situated, is one of the finest in the city, and our house is right among some of the finest residences in Madison. The lot is very long and slopes off to the lake, where we can have a very large boat-house erected. Taking everything into consideration, we are very well pleased. We are now waiting to hear the good news that Beloit has entered a chapter-house, thus placing the whole Northwest in pleasant homes.

It is with pleasure that I introduce to the fraternity Walter E. Johnson, of Waterloo, Iowa. He belongs to the class of '98, and has a sister and cousin in $\Delta \Gamma$. He will make a true Sigma Chi.

All except two of Alpha Lambda's boys have suffered with the grip. All are now around again, but some are very weak. Bro. Kemper has been called home by the severe illness of his mother. The first of the term Bro. Rietbrock made a visit to his old chapter.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Do we not seem strangers? After two years of sleep, Alpha Nu reappears again to exchange greetings with her sisters. We are here, we hope, to stay. Our beginning was gloomy, but now the way seems clear. Only two of Alpha Nu's men returned this year,—James Young and A. H. Culver. When we returned there seemed to be a void, a lack of something that should be. We felt that that something was the fraternity representation. So we set to work to renew our vows, and again to put our sacrifices on the altar of ΣX , and we feel gratified at the result. We soon had occasion to introduce Messrs. J. T. and J. L. Selman, of Tyler, Tex., to his goatship, "Billy," who immediately proceeded to do the proper act. His next victims were W. T. Nash, of Kaufman, Tex., and T. B. Parks, of Lawrenceville, Ark. They are young, yet valiant,—so say the ladies. Sir William's next freak was to attack E. O. Skeen, of Winnsboro, Tex. Bro. Skeen is good looking, and while his

"bases" are on the ground his apex touches the clouds. The next to solve the mysteries of Sigma Chidom was W. A. Buck. He, as his name implies, is "lord of the forest." So, notwithstanding our prospects at beginning, we present six good and loyal Sigs, and we think we will soon be able to present another follower of the White Cross.

Our rival fraternities are $K\Sigma$, $\Phi\Lambda\Theta$, $B\Theta II$, and ΣN , each possessing a good membership and being in excellent trim. There is talk of the revival of ΣAE soon. We hope so; there is room and to spare. Presumably the Grecian tug of war will abate for a month, as February ushers in the intermediate examinations,—a time in which students are tried in the crucible.

Sporting is at a low ebb this year. Bro. Young is our representative tennis fiend. Bros. Selman are members of the "University Dramatic Club." They recently figured conspicuously in "Virginus," and proved conclusively that brightest comedy could be squeezed out of darkest tragedy. Bros. Parks and Nash are our ladies' men, while Bro. Skeen kicks himself and says, "O timid me." Bro. A. J. Clopton, '88, occupies a position in one of the governmental departments, and lends us his genial presence at each meeting. He is every inch a Sig.

We have an excellent hall, well fitted for "phun" or business; and we wish the brothers to know that "Welcome, Sigs," is our motto.

Since writing the above, as predicted, we are enabled to introduce another initiate to the mysteries of ΣX ,—Bro. Rogers, of Austin, Tex. We think he has all the elements necessary to make a good Sig.

ALPHA XI—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas State University is still without a Chancellor, yet the college work moves on in a highly satisfactory manner under the direction of Prof. Snow. The annual catalogue for the college year of 1889-90, which has just been received from the printers, shows that the University is in a very prosperous condition, and that it has an enrollment of over five hundred students. The State Oratorical Contest is to be held here on the 14th, at which time the University orator will, no doubt, carry off the honors. Sigma Chi has held her own in a political way this year. Bro. James D. Bowersock, Jr., was elected President of the local Oratorical Association, and Bro. W. E. Royster was elected Treasurer. We will have at least three and possibly four members of the University Ball Club.

Alpha Xi has seen fit to withdraw her support from the *Kansan*, one of the college papers, because the paper was not run in a very creditable manner, and we think for the present it is best to let the weekly paper business rest. We have not, however, withdrawn from the *Monthly Reveiro*, as it is by far the best college paper here, and the only one deserving to be considered as a paper of any literary worth.

We have suffered from the loss of Bro. H. W. Montgomery, who left school to enter his father's bank at Oregon, Mo., and Bro. Roy Hair, who is now with the Andrews Opera Company. Yet we have thirteen enthusiastic members left, besides one pledged man who will re-enter school this term.

ALPHA OMICRON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Omicron can justly be proud of her alumni. There are probably few chapters where these members take as much interest in the fraternity as here. On last Thursday the alumni gave a German. It was danced at the magnificent Spelman residence on Boulevard Esplanade, and was in every way a society event. New Orleans' most lovely girls, and those of her oldest families, graced the occasion. Some twenty odd couples participated, and will ever remember the Sigma Chis as most happy hosts. Apropos of society, here is what the *Rainbow* of last October, in

an article on Tulane University, says of our fraternity: "Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma are the only chapters which have had rooms. Kappa Alpha is the oldest, and has a fair chapter, with no particular characteristics. Socially, Sigma Chi stands highest; its membership is almost entirely confined to the wealthy men of the college, and it has been quite an honor to be invited to join it." To all of which we say, quite true, friend *Rainbow*. Tulane has become a great fraternity university, and we must say for our young friends that they are all doing well. We have just moved into our new chapter-rooms. They have for some time past been in course of renovation, preparatory for our coming, and are now most charmingly fitted up. They are in the central portion of the city, and afford a convenient lounging place for the idle members.

Bro. Channing Wiley, of Psi, has taken up his abode in our midst, and makes an agreeable acquisition to our ranks. As it is probable that many Northern and Western brothers will be down to witness our Mardi Gras festivities, which are near at hand, we desire to say before closing that we wish them to make themselves known upon arriving in New Orleans, so that we can take care of them and give them an old-fashion Southern reception. We extend the welcome of our city, our carnival and our homes to all brother Sigs.

ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to the QUARTERLY, the prosperity of Alpha Pi has been unbroken. During last term fraternity life was unusually quiet. Much of our leisure time was devoted to work upon our club-house and grounds. We have been unavoidably delayed in our building enterprise, but the work is now well under way, and before the close of the year we shall be prepared to give all visiting brothers a royal welcome in a home of our own.

Our annual Thanksgiving party, a most enjoyable affair, was held at the home of Bro. C. A. Fiske. Several of our alumni were present on that occasion.

No one was found worthy to wear the White Cross during the term, but with the New Year the warfare began. Several promising students entered school at that time, and for three weeks the all-absorbing topic in College society was the contest for one of them waged by Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Sigma Chi. The struggle quite rivaled in intensity the one described in the last QUARTERLY by the correspondent from Xi. Delta Tau Delta made use of the same tactics there attributed to Delta Kappa Epsilon, and with a similar result. Once more success crowns the efforts of Sigma Chi; and, as a result of her victory, on the evening of January 28, the ceremonies of initiation were conferred upon Edward B. Ryan, of Bay City, Michigan. We take great pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity.

Bros. Springer, Smith, McEldowney, White, Ray and Eslow, were present to aid in the celebration. The chapter has also enjoyed visits from Bros. Snell and Hagle during the term. We greatly miss the presence of Bro. D. B. Waldo, '87, who has been teaching here ever since his graduation. He terminated his connection with the College at the end of last term, in order to take post-graduate work in History and Political Economy at Harvard.

Victorious over her rivals, with every member working in harmony, and full of zeal for the fraternity, the prospects of Sigma Chi in Albion College were never brighter than at the present.

ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Rho, like a long-absent, but evidently not forgotten member of the family, makes her best bow, and wishes her sisters all manner of prosperity. She has of late been so little represented in this department, that Sigma Chi's numerous progeny

must needs have asked, "What's the matter with Lehigh?" I answer, in the classic language of a foot-ball mob, "She's all right!"

Last June was an ill month for the chapter. Five good men, Bros. Corbin, Woodall, Miller, all of '89, and Lefèvre, '91, and Anderson, '91, departed. The first mentioned graduated with honor last year; Lefèvre and Anderson left college to accept flattering positions in Atlanta, Ga., and Pittsburg, Pa., respectively.

We had a remarkably fine season in foot-ball. Lehigh won the championship of Pennsylvania, and defeated the strong University of Virginia Eleven, said to be the strongest in the South. For the first time since foot-ball started here, has Sigma Chi failed to be represented in the team. The prospects in base-ball and lacrosse are very good. The base-ball management has secured the services of Baker, of the Philadelphia League Club, to coach the 'Varsity team. There is plenty of good material in '93, which, by the way, is the largest freshman class ever entered, 180 members. Contrivances for "sliding" have been rigged up in the gymnasium, and about thirty men are training for positions on the nine.

Despite the large number of men in '93, there are so few who are really desirable, that we have no freshmen Sigs. We have one or two under consideration, and, when we are firmly convinced that they are worthy of the honor, we shall gather them to the fold. Appearances are deceitful, and "things are not what they seem." *Apropos* of mistakes in taking men in without deliberation, we are warned by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, which recently expelled an ex-member of the Lehigh Chapter. Like in many a coroner's verdict, "cause unknown."

Chapter-houses are scarcer than people who have not had "la grippe." The fraternities having houses are, $\Psi \Gamma$, $\Sigma \Phi$, $X \Phi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Theta \Delta X$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and $\Delta \Phi$. Some of them are little more than ordinary brick dwellings. Others, notably, $\Sigma \Phi$, are very fine, and have been built by influential alumni. We desire to obtain a *good* house, and we had rather not have any than to live in one of a row of brick houses.

Alpha Rho now numbers six men. "Quality not quantity," is our motto, and we have, in consequence, a very conservative chapter. We wish to remind our brothers that there is a standing invitation to all to visit us. The mathematical formula, that one Sig equals one good fellow, is so self-evident as to require no demonstration. Let other chapters call on this one, and see whether or not there are six good fellows here. Bro. Null, K, '93, who had been with us last term, has returned to Bucknell. We are most sorry to lose him, but as he promises to return to Lehigh next year, we are cheered by this knowledge.

Our alumni have visited us during the past few months. Bros. Woodall, '89, Miller, '89, Leuckel, '88, Sattler, '88, Phillips, '89, all take an interest in ΔP , and came to see how we were faring, and wherein they could give us fatherly advice.

In conclusion, I beg leave to introduce to the fraternity (and I am proud to do it) Bro. Arthur M. Smyth, B. S., '89. Bro. Smyth graduated last June, but remains here taking the post-graduate course in Mining. The fact that he now wears the cross is proof sufficient of the excellence of his character. Would this University contained many more like "our youngest!"

ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since our last communication university and fraternity life have not been uniformly exciting; yet a few events are well worthy of record. We know of no better way of beginning than by introducing our new brother, Mr. Harry G. Gearhart, of the Junior Class. Mr. Gearhart's home is in Duluth. In him we have a valuable acquisition and a student of the true Sig style. An unusually long holiday vacation of over two weeks, was enjoyed by the students of the University. Everybody, and our boys in particular, returned looking much refreshed; and all, without exception,

reporting a happy time. The second term, thus far, has been very successful in all that could be desired. In the last QUARTERLY we reported the attendance as about eight hundred. But from better information, and an increase since then, the number has reached nine hundred and fifty. The University has been quite unlucky lately in being afflicted with two damaging fires in its best structures, the main building and Science Hall. But aside from the inconvenience which was caused, nothing serious has been experienced, as all loss was covered by insurance. There have been several happenings recently in the fraternity world, which will probably make "interesting reading." In our last we spoke of the success of the "Haut-Beau" Club, alias the "the barbs," in all the upper class relations. Everything was carried by storm. Since then the President of the Senior Class, who rode into office on the popular wave, along with several others who engineered the movement, have appeared with $B \Theta II$ badges. This outcome is generally considered a pretty good joke on the "Hauts-Beaux;" and that is the way it certainly looks. Another fraternity event also has created considerable attention outside, as well as within the University. This is the secession of the Minnesota Alpha Chapter of $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ from the general fraternity—the probability of which has been mentioned by us before. A short time after this was done the whole body of seceders appeared with $\Lambda K E$ badges. This matter of "lifting" a whole chapter created quite a surprise. There was immediately a meeting of the resident members of $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ for the purpose of taking action,—and since the relations of three prominent "Deke" members of the Faculty with the lifting, seemed suspicious, a spicy correspondence between the $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ Committee and the Professors was the result. It has been published in several of the city dailies and attracted general attention. Thus the whole affair "hangs fire" at present. Rumors of new fraternities are frequent. A new chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is said to be a fact of the near future. ΛT has been petitioned, and $\Lambda T \Omega$ is mixed up in similar reports. All other fraternities here are doing well.

Our chapter is now situated favorably both as to surroundings and membership. Our recent meetings, aided by the new ΣX song books which we have just received, have been very enthusiastic. We were also cheered, a short time ago, by a visit from Bros. C. G. and W. H. Reynolds, old members of Beta Chapter, Wooster, Ohio, who are brothers in blood as well as in ΣX .

Our letter will have to close in a very different spirit from that in which it was begun. At the last moment, while this correspondence is being finished, news has come of the death of our Bro. George H. Meacham, at Prescott, Wisconsin. Bro. Meacham graduated at this institution last year, coming from Beloit College, where he was already a loyal Sig in Alpha Zeta Chapter. He was the founder of Alpha Sigma; and while with us was the life and head of the chapter. Thus Sigma Chi will appreciate what a loss to us this event brings. But in it, as in every other affliction, let us hope that "all is for the best."

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The beginning of this session found Alpha Tau in rather adverse circumstances. The first roll call found only four of our old men with us. We looked for Bro. Shannonhouse for some time, but he did not appear. We regret having to report the loss of such a fine man. However, he will be with us at the beginning of next session, as will, we hope, Bro. F. M. Clarke. They are both splendid men, and we feel heavily their loss. While we number only four, we consider ourselves on a firm basis. We think the quality must be considered much before quantity.

Our institution has made quite a large increase since last session, and is now doing very well. The prospects for next session are especially bright. The Medical Department will be opened, and as there is no other in the State, it will add largely

to the number of students. We are all looking forward with much pleasure to the appearance of the Catalogue, and though Alpha Tau is too young to take a conspicuous position, it will please us greatly to see what places of honor our brothers hold and of which they are so well worthy.

We have just heard from Bro. W. B. Ricks, who received his license to practice law last year, that he has decided to make Alabama his resting place. We wish him all success, as would all other chapters, if they knew what a royal good fellow he is.

We have not heard from the other chapters as much as we would like, for the past few months; we hope soon to be able to correspond more extensively. We believe nothing is better to make more binding the tie than frequent correspondence. We have not had the good luck to see many of our brothers from the other chapters, and it would please us greatly to do so at any time. We are situated on the Richmond & Danville Railroad, between Richmond and Raleigh, and should any traveling Sig. be able to answer our invitation, we would feel more than pleased.

ALPHA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Alpha Upsilon has just had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Marquardt, from Alpha Gamma, Class of '86. He kindly consented to lengthen his visit, and assist us in our first initiation for this year. Allow me to present to the fraternity Don Carlos Porter, who will be a loyal Sigma Chi before this letter reaches you. Alpha Upsilon hopes soon to add other names to her chapter roll. There has been considerable interest excited over the series of three games of football to be played between the University eleven and the Pasadena team. The match has been twice postponed; once on account of rain, and again on account of la grippe. There are five Sigs. in our team, and, as we have never been beaten, feel tolerably certain of success.

La grippe has made an inroad upon the college attendance. For a while more than half the chapel seats were vacant.

Alpha Upsilon is wide awake, and is thoroughly enjoying her first year of fraternity life. Thus far she has had smooth sailing, and there seems to be no reason why she should not continue to have. Dr. Matthews, ex-Dean of the college, is pastor of the M. E. Church here, and there are many alumni Sigma Chis in Los Angeles who all are ready to give us advice or help if we need it. We send greetings to all the other chapters, and hope their prospects are as bright as our own.

Personalia.

REV. A. R. COCKE—Zeta, '77—is the pastor of a flourishing Presbyterian church at Waynesboro, Va.

HENRY S. KELLER—Zeta Zeta, '92—is Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives of Kentucky.

F. D. VAN WINKLE—Zeta Zeta, '87—has removed from Isham, Tenn., to Lexington, Ky., where he is engaged in business.

EX-JUDGE IRVING HALSEY—Gamma, '60—is a member of the editorial staff of the *Kentucky Stock Farm*, published at Lexington, Ky.

JOHN T. TUNIS—Zeta Zeta, '88—is a merchant at Lexington, Ky.

NICHOLAS McDOWELL, JR.—Zeta Zeta, '85—is in the grocery business at Danville, Ky. Firm: Christinan & McDowell.

LANE MACGREGOR—Alpha Sigma, '89—is now harvesting oranges and shooting alligators at Palatka, Fla.

RALPH L. THOMPSON—Alpha Sigma, '88—is now studying law in the office of his brother at Sleepy Eye, Minn. He expects to resume his studies at the University of Minnesota next fall.

G. EDWIN LEFEVRE—Alpha Rho, '91—has been during the present school year Professor of Modern Languages at Moreland Park Military Academy, Atlanta, Ga. He will soon sail for his old home in South America. His contributions to *Scribner's Magazine* and other periodicals have been well received by the public.

HARRY R. WOODALL—Alpha Rho, '89—is now President of the Telluride Electric Light and Power Company at Telluride, Colo.

EDWARD R. MARTIN—Alpha Rho, '92—who was compelled to leave Lehigh University on account of eye trouble, is now attending Delaware College, Newark, Del.

T. J. CRAIGHEAD—Zeta Psi, '89—is now with the Westinghouse Electric Light Company, at Chicago. He superintends the erection of electric light plants throughout the Northwest.

PAUL R. SCUDDER—Zeta Psi, '88—is now practicing dentistry at Cincinnati, O.

JOHN G. O'CONNELL—Zeta Psi, '88—has been appointed recently Assistant City Solicitor of Cincinnati, O.

C. WOOD WALTER—Beta, '88—is in the office of the Ohio Valley Press Company, Cincinnati, O.

JOHN F. MILLER—Beta, '81—is with the East Pittsburgh Improvement Company, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

ALANSON S. APPLETON—Omega, '76—has taken a furnished house on Fifth Avenue, New York City, for a year, with a view to establishing Eastern headquarters for his Chicago newspaper, —Appleton's weekly, —*In the Swim*.

CHARLES F. CAMPBELL—Kappa, '90—has entered the First Year Class of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

FRANK H. LOOMIS—Alpha Pi, '87—is studying Medicine at the University of Michigan.

REV. MCCLUSKEY BLAYNEY, D.D.—Original Nu, '60—is one of the best preachers and handsomest men in the State of Kentucky. He occupies the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Frankfort, which he declined to leave when offered the presidency of Centre College. He is President of the Board of Trustees of that institution.

D. B. WALDO—Alpha Pi, '87—is taking post-graduate work in History and Political Economy at Harvard University.

D. W. SPRINGER—Alpha Pi, '86—is teaching in Cleary's Business College, at Ypsilanti, Mich.

E. H. GUIK—Kappa, '89—is at present studying law at Catawissa, Pa., and will be admitted to the bar in August.

F. B. HARGRAVE—Kappa, '89—is studying law at Greensburg, Pa.

M. M. DAVIS—Kappa, '91—is studying medicine at Georgeville, Pa.

J. O. SHIPMAN—Kappa, '89—has accepted a lucrative position on the L. V. R. R. Engineering Corps, stationed at Union Springs, N. Y.

W. H. ROGERS—Alpha Zeta, '86—Telegraph Editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, has been promoted once more to the position of New York correspondent for the same paper. He is to have a private office in the Herald Building, New York City, where all the most important telegraph matter will pass through his hands. The position has never before been held by so young a man.

G. W. LOOMIS—Alpha Pi, '86—rejoices in the arrival of a daughter at his home in Manchester, Mich.

W. C. VAN LOO—Alpha Pi, '86—of Big Rapids, Mich., was recently admitted to practice law in the courts of the State. Judge Fuller, of the committee which examined him, said in presenting his report, that he had never examined a candidate that made a better showing.

THOMAS BRADFORD—Eta, '68—was elected to represent Lowndes County in the Mississippi Legislature for the next two years.

JACOB BILLUPS—Eta, '68—was one of Mississippi's delegates to the Farmers' National Congress which met at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 18, 1899.

W. E. ANDREWS—Eta, '69—was re-elected Circuit Clerk for La Fayette County, Mississippi.

WILEY N. NASH—Eta, '68—has just formed a partnership at Starkville, Miss., with H. L. Muldrow, ex-Congressman.

W. S. BARRY—Eta, '81—of Greenwood, Miss., was obliged, in self-defense, to shoot and kill young Coleman, a nephew of his partner, Hon. S. R. Coleman, Eta, '67.

R. L. HOLLAND—Gamma, '91—is studying law at Zanesville, O.

W. T. MCKELVEY—Gamma, '92—is engaged in electrical work at Zanesville, O.

L. B. FRAZIER—Gamma, '93—is engaged in business at Caldwell, O.

REV. S. PERRY DILLON—the founder of Chi Chapter—left Nebraska in January to spend the winter and spring in Washington, D. C. Before returning to the West, he will make an extensive tour of the South.

COURTLANDT C. CLARKE—Sigma, '78—who is proprietor of the Arcade Film Works, Sing Sing, N. Y., visited Chicago recently on business. He owns valuable suburban property in the latter city.

CHARLES DENBY, JR.—Sigma, '82—is with the U. S. Legation at Peking, China.

ROBERT M. NAZRO—Sigma, '79—is a commission merchant at 682 Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wis.

GEO. W. BRITTON—Alpha Xi, '89—is in the drug business at Concordia, Kan.

R. W. BROWN—Alpha Xi, '90—is a coal merchant at Kansas City, Kan.

R. E. KROH—Alpha Xi, '89—is in the nursery business at Wyandotte, Kan.

HIRAM W. MONTGOMERY—Alpha Xi, '91—is in his father's bank at Oregon, Mo.

C. E. STREET—Alpha Xi, '89—is working his silver mines at Silver City, Colo.

J. W. SHULTZ—Alpha Xi, '85—is contracting in Seattle, Washington.

R. L. McALPINE—Alpha Xi, '87—Delegate to the Seventeenth Grand Chapter, has just returned from a tour through Europe.

C. L. SMITH—Alpha Xi, '87—Prætor of the Sixth Province, is in the real estate business in Butte City, Montana.

E. W. MORRIS—Alpha Xi, '89—is managing his father's drug store at Emporia Kansas.

W. S. WOLLEY—Alpha Xi, '88—is practicing law in Emporia, Kan.

P. A. HUBER—Alpha Xi, '88—is farming near Meriden, Kan.

E. S. SMITH—Alpha Xi, '98—is Private Secretary to the Attorney of the Kansas City & Memphis Railroad, at Kansas City, Mo.

ISAAC E. LAMBERT—Omega, '75—has been appointed Postmaster at Emporia, Kan.

CHARLES G. GARDINER—Lambda, '86—has been admitted to the firm of Gardiner, Taylor & Gardiner, Attorneys at Law, Washington, Ind.,—a very auspicious entrance to the practice of his profession.

FRED C. KOONS—Chi, '87—who was stationed at Union City, Tenn., as the agent of the Walter A. Wood Mowing & Reaping Machine Company, has been promoted to the position of traveling agent of the same concern, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn. He will travel in East Tennessee, and parts of Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

THOMAS B. WHITE—Theta Theta, '86—who is now practicing law at Escanaba, Mich., recently visited Chicago and Detroit on important legal business.

J. H. INGERSEN—Theta Theta, '87—has removed from Sioux City to Carroll, Iowa, where he is Cashier of the Citizens' State Bank of Carroll.

GEORGE H. MURDOCH—Theta Theta, '88—has sold his interest in the *L'Anse*, Mich., *Sentinel* to his partner, John H. Young, who will continue its publication, as editor and proprietor. Bro. Murdoch has returned with his family to his former home, Berrien Springs, Mich., where he will engage in the practice of law.

T. C. BILLHEIMER, D.D.—Theta, '65—sailed for Europe, January 29, in company with Dr. J. Fry, of Reading, Pa. Their trip will be of six months' duration, and will include an extended tour of the Holy Land.

THAT energetic Lutheran pastor, REV. S. A. WEIKERT—Theta, '71—sent beautiful New Year's cards to his congregation at Red Hook, N. Y., and to other friends.

JOHN T. McCUTCHEON—Delta Delta, '89—and F. PAUL ANDERSON—Delta Delta, '90—sent some very unique Sigma Chi New Year's cards to their friends.

A LETTER from Cincinnati, O., to the *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, says this of an alumnus of our Alpha Gamma Chapter, Class of 1886:

The Historical Society Museum, No. 108 Broadway, will be one of the places keeping "open house" to visiting Phi Psis. Prof. Horace P. Smith is in charge, a member of another Greek-letter fraternity, but who appreciates the Greek, and will extend welcome and information to Phi Psis heartily, accordingly. The place is an interesting one to visit.

WILLIAM H. SAVIDGE—Theta Theta, '88—has been appointed General Attorney for the Territory of Idaho of the Union Pacific Railroad. He remains at Pocatello, Idaho, where he has been for some time Local Attorney for the Union Pacific.

HOWARD R. WALKER—Sigma Sigma, '74—is doing a prosperous business as Agent for the New York Mercantile Accident, and the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Companies, at Belknap, Ala.

ALBERT G. NORRELL—Nu, '76—a lawyer of Salt Lake City, was a delegate from Utah to the recent Silver Convention held at St. Louis, Mo.

A. T. SCHROEDER—Alpha Lambda, '86—is now a member of the firm of Stephens & Schroeder, 172 Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

WILLIAM M. HARFORD—Gamma, '68—of the firm of Harford & Roderick, publishers of the Hannibal (Mo.) *Daily Courier*, is not too burdened with the care of managing his large and flourishing newspaper (which is just celebrating its semi-centennial) to say a few good words for the *QUARTERLY* :

We have received the November number of the *SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY*, published at Chicago, and the organ of our old college fraternity. It is a magazine of seventy-two pages, and well edited and in elegant style. Each number of it brings up many pleasant recollections of the past. Any member of Greek letter fraternities in this part of Missouri will find it an interesting and valuable publication. Send for it.

FREDERICK W. PUTNAM—Alpha Theta, '86—is now a resident of Waterville, N. Y.

An illustrated issue of the *Manitou Springs Journal* has this to say concerning **REV. J. C. S. WEILLS**—Original Nu, '64—one of the best workers for the fraternity that it has ever had :

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was established in 1880 by Rev. D. C. Pattee. A fine church was built in the same year on Canon Avenue by the side of the Fontaine qui Bouille. In 1887 Rev. John C. S. Weills, of the diocese of New York, was installed as rector. In 1889 the church passed from a mission to a self-supporting parish, and is now the wealthiest denomination in Manitou, owning \$80,000 worth of property. A rectory costing \$10,000 was recently built on Grand Avenue, and a new church edifice is in contemplation. The number of communicants is sixty. Rev. Mr. Weills is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and is a man of not only great pulpit ability, but is prominent socially and personally.

W. L. MCPHERSON—Theta, '88—has been promoted to the position of Washington Representative of the *New York Tribune*.

PROF. S. S. WILLARD—Theta, '76—has resigned as instructor in the Loysville Orphan Home, after many years of faithful and efficient service. The students prepared by him for college give evidence of most thorough drill by their teacher.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

JOHN DORRIS—Phi, '78—is attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Hunting-ton, Pa.

EARL M. SEITZ—Phi Phi, '77—is now in the Engineering Department of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, but still retains his residence in Philadelphia.

DR. A. L. HUMMEL—Theta, '80—will have the entire charge of the publishing department of the *University Press*, soon to be put in operation at University of Pennsylvania.

DR. ROBERT B. JESSUP, JR.—Omega, '80—is now in Vienna, Austria, attending medical lectures, and observing practice in the noted hospitals of that city. He is accompanied by his charming wife, with whom he will travel extensively before returning to his home at Vincennes, Ind.

CONCERNING a member of Alpha Lambda, Class of 1884 :

Hon. William B. Sterling has been recently appointed United States District Attorney, and more recently as the *State Attorney for the Northwestern Railroad*. Mr. Sterling is said to have stated that he proposes to fill both positions, which statement will no doubt surprise many. A prominent Alliance man said, when told of Mr. Sterling's intention : "I don't see how Mr. Sterling can consistently serve God and the devil at the same time."

DR. GEO. N. KREIDER—Gamma, '77—is a well-known writer on medical subjects. His contributions to the *St. Louis Courier of Medicine*, as its corresponding editor, are largely quoted.

THE following notice of GEORGE H. GORMAN—Zeta, '85—will be read with especial interest by all who have read in this issue of the QUARTERLY, Bro. Gorman's beautiful tribute "To the Sigma Chi Fraternity":

Among the many young men who have added lustre to the name of North Carolina there are none more worthy of honorable mention than Mr. George H. Gorman, whose picture is presented on the first page. Mr. Gorman is now temporarily located in Washington, D. C., where he prosecutes his law profession, but he will come South soon to locate. It would please him to return to his native State and here try to win distinction at the bar, but as he sees no inviting and ample field here for the exercise of his talents, he writes that he will doubtless be compelled to go where merit is more readily recognized and promotion and success come easier. With Mr. Gorman literature is a passion, giving him respite, solace and inspiration during his hours of leisure. His poems exhibit striking originality, melody, dramatic color and the *finesse* of finish which reveal the literary dilettante. Each has a fine theme and a noble and lofty sentiment gives it life, movement and being. Each stands out distinct and independent of the other, a magnet which draws your soul through to the author by that unknown but irresistible force which men have given the much abused name of genius. The sketch of Mr. Gorman's life which is appended below was written by Mary E. Wetherell, with the exception of a few corrections which have been made by the editor. It appeared in the *Magazine of Poetry* of last April with one or two of Mr. Gorman's poems, which selections, however, did not do the young poet justice:

"George Hines Gorman is the second son of Alexander M. Gorman and Mary Edwards Jordan, and was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, on the 29th day of July, 1861. Both of his parents were persons of culture and literary distinction, and from them the son has inherited his love of literature. His father followed the profession of letters, and owned and ably edited the *Spirit of the Age* up to the time of his death in 1865. In addition to the literary work of his own publication, he was a contributor to other periodicals. Mr. Gorman's mother, who is still living, is a writer of merit. Young Gorman received his early education entirely at the hands of his mother, and, indeed, could be induced to receive instructions from no other source; and the devoted love for her which was thus early manifested in his life, has but grown the stronger with the passing years. During his school life he belonged to several literary and debating societies, and on two public occasions had awarded to him gold medals for oratory and eloquence. He was a student at the Raleigh Military Academy and Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, Virginia. He was graduated from the university with distinction, in June, 1884, bringing from thence, as evidences of his ability, the University Orator's Medal and a prize essay medal—the highest honors which the University could bestow on a student. After graduating, Mr. Gorman located in Norfolk, Virginia, and practiced his profession, the law, in partnership with Judge Allen, one of the best known lawyers in Virginia. Family influence, the young man's own worth, and his undoubted talents, soon brought him a large and varied practice, into which he entered with all the ardor of youth and ambition. He remained in Norfolk four years, but at the end of that time was obliged to seek a more healthy climate."—*Reidsville (N. C.) Review*, Jan. 29, 1890.

Marriages.

W. B. THOMAS—Zeta Zeta, '81—was married in November, '89, to Miss Mary Cheek, of Danville, Kentucky. Mr. Thomas is in the hardware business at Maysville, Kentucky.

G. F. KNAPPEN—Alpha Pi, '87—who is in the Sioux Falls Savings Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was recently married to Miss Anna G. Pealer, daughter of Judge R. R. Pealer, of Three Rivers, Michigan.

WINTHROP ALEXANDER—Alpha Theta, '88—was married on December 28, 1889, to Miss Elizabeth Blake Wood, in Boston, and left for Washington, D. C., where he has recently received an appointment in the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department.

ROBT. C. SPENCER, JR.—Alpha Lambda '86—was married to Miss Ernestine Elliott, of Bath, Maine, on Thanksgiving Day. They have taken up their residence at 271 West Chester Park, Boston. Mr. Spencer is with Wheeling & Haren, Architects of Boston.

The following special dispatch from Bloomington, Illinois, to the *Chicago Daily News*, of January 22, 1890, announces the marriage of Dr. E. Wyllys Andrews—Omega, '78. Dr. Andrews is well known to the fraternity as having been Grand Prætor of the Fifth Province, and one of the Grand Triumvirs, from 1884 to 1886, and as a contributor to the *QUARTERLY*:

The most brilliant wedding that ever took place in this city was solemnized this evening, the bride being Miss Alice Scranton Davis, only daughter of Mr. George Perrin Davis, and only granddaughter of the late United States Senator David Davis. The groom was Dr. Edward W. Andrews, son of Dr. E. W. Andrews, the eminent surgeon of Chicago, with whom he is associated in business. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride, which was the house of Senator Davis. The large grounds were lighted up and the residence brilliantly illuminated with electric lights and gorgeously decorated with smilax and fragrant flowers.

The ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock, by the Rev. E. K. Strong, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in the presence of 156 guests, all intimate friends of the bride and groom. The bride was attired in white silk en train, and wore neither flowers nor jewels. She was accompanied by four bridesmaids—Miss Agnes Morrison, of Youngstown, O., and Misses Laura McCurdy, May Johnson, and Fannie Cheney, of Bloomington—all of whom were attired in white crepe. The groomsmen were Dr. Frank Andrews, brother of the groom, Dr. Frank Johnson, Mr. Mason Bross, and Mr. Walter L. Fisher, all of Chicago. Mendelsohn's wedding march preceded the ceremony. At 8:30 a reception took place, to which 400 invitations were issued, and which was attended by the elite of Bloomington and many prominent people from Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston, and other cities. Among the distinguished guests were Gov. and Mrs. Joseph W. Fifer.

A large number of elegant and costly presents were bestowed. The bride is accomplished and very prominent in Bloomington society. The newly married couple departed at midnight for New York, whence they will sail for Cuba on a month's tour.

Dr. E. Wyllys Andrews is one of the best known of the younger physicians of the city. He graduated at the Northwestern University in the class of '79, and two years later from the Chicago Medical College. He afterward spent some time in Europe pursuing still further his medical and surgical studies. On his return he began the active practice of his profession; and later he was elected Professor of Clinical Surgery in the Chicago Medical College, and appointed attending surgeon at Mercy Hospital, both of which positions he now fills. Besides the duties these positions impose, and the care of his private practice, Dr. Andrews is actively interested in all that pertains to the advancement of the medical profession, and is a member of the American Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Society, the Medico-Legal Society, and a number of scientific associations of various kinds.

THOMAS S. FORBES—Sigma Sigma, '78—who is now agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, at Birmingham, Ala., was married last September.

●Obituary.

THE death of Prof. CARL MERZ—Beta, '82—already referred to in Beta Chapter's letter in this issue, called forth the following notice in the *Chicago Tribune*:

Mr. Carl Merz, a well-known musician of Wooster, O., died of an attack of the grip, complicated with pneumonia, at his residence in that city Jan. 30. Mr. Merz was born Sept. 10, 1838, in Bensheim, Germany. His father was a public-school teacher and an accomplished musician, so his son enjoyed the advantages of a thorough literary and musical training. After his graduation in 1858 he was the recipient of a government appointment as teacher in a small town near "Bingen-on-the-Rhine." In 1854 he came to America, locating at Philadelphia, where he was engaged as organist of the Sixth Presbyterian Church. A year later he removed to Lancaster, Pa., having accepted a position as teacher in a young ladies' seminary. Subsequently he filled engagements at Salem, Va., and Botetourt Springs, Va. While spending his vacation at the North the War of the Rebellion broke out, and he was forced, with considerable loss, to make another removal. He then accepted a position as teacher of music at the Oxford Female Seminary, Oxford, O., where he remained for twenty-one years. When this institution closed in 1883 he accepted a call to the University of Wooster, where he was director of music at the time of his death. His first reputation as a writer upon musical subjects was made by means of his "Musical Hint

for the Million," first published in *Brainard's Musical World*, of which the first installment was issued in the number for April, 1868. He continued to contribute to the same journal until 1871, when he was made associate editor, and since September, 1878, has been editor-in-chief. He was also widely known as a lecturer upon musical topics, and his lectures as well as writings disclosed a wide acquaintance with musical history and literature. He labored faithfully for the education of the masses, always employing his influence in favor of the intrinsically valuable in art and seeking to elevate the standard of musical education by every means within his power. It may be truthfully said that he made the musical department of Wooster University what it is to-day, and fostered the taste of the people as well as his own students for that which is truly noble in art. The courses of historical lectures which he delivered at the university were illustrated with examples of the best in musical art of every age furnished under his direction by pupils of the department and available local talent, and were both highly instructive and deeply interesting. He also busied himself to some extent in the field of musical composition. His death will prove a serious loss to the university and to the community in which he lived and labored.

The following resolutions, passed by Beta Chapter and the Pan-Hellenic Association of the University of Wooster, respectively, appeared in the *University Voice*:

SIGMA CHI.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His all-wise Providence to take from us our much-beloved teacher and brother, Karl Merz; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Beta Chapter, Sigma Chi Fraternity, do recognize in the death of our brother the hand of the Omnipotent God.

Resolved, That in his death the Sigma Chi Fraternity has sustained an irreparable loss, and Beta Chapter has been bereft of one of whom she was justly proud,—a true friend and a loyal brother.

Resolved, That we, in view of this loss which we have sustained, do tender our sympathy to the family and relatives of our departed brother.

Resolved, That our chapter hall be draped, and that the members of Beta Chapter wear the badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, be spread upon our minutes, and be published in *THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY* and the *University Voice*.

BETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI.

PAN HELLENIC ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God in His wise Providence has seen fit to deprive us of Karl Merz, a member of Sigma Chi, a personal friend of every student, and an earnest advocate of our fraternity system; and,

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has taken from us one of our most beloved and accomplished professors, in all our relations with whom we have felt the influence of his noble and loving nature; and,

WHEREAS, In the loss of this beloved friend and professor we are deeply grieved; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Prof. Merz we join with Sigma Chi in expressions of our sympathy for the bereaved friends; and therefore be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the *University Voice*, and a copy be sent to his sorrowing family.

PHI KAPPA PSI,	KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA,
BETA THETA PI,	DELTA TAU DELTA,
PHI DELTA THETA,	PHI GAMMA DELTA,
KAPPA ALPHA THETA,	ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

ROGERS WHALEY—Alpha Nu, '88.

SIGMA CHI HALL, Austin, Texas, Jan. 24, 1890.

WHEREAS, Almighty God has seen fit, in his all-seeing wisdom, to remove from our midst our brother, Rogers Whaley; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, in his loss, Sigma Chi has been bereft of one of her most worthy sons.

Resolved, That Alpha Nu Chapter has sustained irreparable loss by the untimely death of one of her most earnest and faithful workers.

Resolved, That the community in which our brother resided has lost one who, pure in word and in deed, was in every sense one of nature's noblemen; a true gentleman.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in *THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY* and *The University of Texas Magazine*.

JAMES YOUNG,
A. H. CULVER, } *Committee.*
A. J. CLOPTON, }

JAMES THOMPSON—Rho, '91—died at his home in Edinburg, Ind., January 17, of a complication of throat and lung trouble. He was in very poor health for the last three months of his life, but was only in a critical condition a short time previous to his death. Brother Thompson was not only while in school an enthusiastic Sig, but ever since he severed his connection with Butler University, has he taken an unusual amount of interest in the chapter. He was not only beloved by his fraternity brothers but was also a general favorite among the other students of the University.

GEORGE H. MEACHAM, whose death is mentioned in Alpha Sigma's chapter letter in this issue, was born in Prescott, Wis., August 19, 1866, where he grew up and studied until he had finished his school course. At that time there was no high school at his home, so he entered the preparatory department of Beloit College. After pursuing this for two years he continued in the regular college course for the same length of time. It was while at Beloit that George became a member of Sigma Chi, in which he ever afterwards took such an active interest, and to which he has always shown such a zealous loyalty. Being a great home boy, he then left Beloit to finish his course in the Minnesota State University, where he could be within easy distance of Prescott. After two years here he graduated in June, 1889, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While at college; in obedience to the law, that "he who will show himself friendly will have friends," he formed a host of intimate ties. It was under this influence that a company of young men were gathered together, who vowed eternal friendship under the banner of Sigma Chi, thus instituting the new chapter of Alpha Sigma. The value of his services to his fraternity is known by all brothers who have come into contact with him, and what his chapter owes to him, to whom its existence is due, cannot be expressed in words. After graduating at the University, Mr. Meacham returned to Prescott, where he entered the firm of E. A. Meacham & Sons, in which position he continued until his death. The attack was sudden. On Saturday evening he was at his place in the Good Templars' Lodge; Sunday morning, in his accustomed place in church; Monday and Tuesday, at his post of business. Returning home Tuesday evening, he was seized with pneumonia. Three days he struggled against the insidious disease, but death, which is said to love a shining mark, claimed him for his own. At three o'clock Saturday morning, Jan. 25, 1890, soul and body parted, the spirit returning to the God who gave it. Nine members of Alpha Sigma and several university friends were present at the funeral. The president and a number of the university faculty sent letters of condolence filled with glowing tributes to the worth of him who had recently been under their care. Alpha Sigma Chapter has prepared the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has called from this earth our esteemed brother, George H. Meacham, an alumnus of the class of '89 and founder of Alpha Sigma Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that in his death we have lost a faithful friend, upon whose counsel and coöperation we could always rely, and who, by the sweetness of his life and the purity of his character, has endeared himself to us all,

Resolved, That we extend our deepest sympathy to his family in this, the hour of their bereavement, and tender such assistance as may be within our power, to lessen the burden which they are called to bear.

Resolved, That the members of this chapter wear a badge of mourning for fourteen days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, and a copy of them sent to the bereaved family.

M. H. GERRY,

ARTHUR B. CHURCH,

L. H. KENNEDY,

Committee for Alpha Sigma Chapter.

A LETTER from Psi Chapter announces the death of GEORGE L. LYMAN, an active member, who died at Charlottesville, Va., January 17, 1890. He died from pneumonia, caused by a relapse from a spell of influenza. The letter states that "there was not a nobler or more worthy student in the University, and as a fraternity mate we had all learned to love him." At the time of his death he was Consul of the Chapter.

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CHAUNCEY B. RIPLEY, LL.D.

[From *The University Magazine*, March, 1890.]

THE subject of this sketch has been an efficient worker in colleges and universities, continuously, for a quarter of a century, and mainly in the institutions with which he was connected as a student, from which he graduated, and from which he has received his scholastic degrees. During this period he has been an examiner of candidates for degrees in the law department of the University of the City of New York, and more than five hundred lawyers have passed their final examinations for degrees and admission to practice before committees of which he was a member, as chairman or otherwise. Mr. Ripley graduated from the law department of the University of the City of New York, in 1865, with the degree of LL.B., and was the valedictorian of his class. He has sent many students to that law school and trained many young men for the bar in his office. He was for several years president of the alumni association of the law department of that university, is now chairman of the executive committee, and has been associated in his post-graduate work with such alumni and friends of the university as Dr. Charles Butler, Dr. Howard Crosby, William Allen Butler, the late Hon. Aaron J. Vanderpoel, Hon. Elihu Root, John Taylor Johnston, and Judge Willard Bartlett.

Chauncey B. Ripley was born in South Coventry, Conn., May 14, 1835, at the Ripley Hill homestead, is the son of Chauncey Ripley, born at the same place, educated at Yale College, who was the son of Jeremiah Ripley, an officer in the American army during the Revolutionary war, and afterwards county judge, from whom the homestead descended and takes its name. He prepared for college at the Connecticut Literary Institution in Hartford county. He spent two years in the University of Rochester, where he came in contact with such scholars and educators as Dr. Martin B. Anderson and Prof. Asahel C. Kendrick. He accepted a call to the chair of mathematics in Flushing Institute, which he filled for one year, pursuing at the same time the studies of the curriculum for

that part of his college course. He entered the senior class of the University at Lewisburg, Pa., graduating in 1864 an "honor man," receiving then the degree of A.B. In 1867 he was awarded the Master's Oration, by the faculty of the same university, at which time he received a second diploma conferring upon him the degree of A.M. In 1888, the scholastic degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the faculty and board of trustees of his alma mater, under the present corporate name, Bucknell University, "for distinguished attainments in legal learning," accompanied with a congratulatory letter from the president stating that the honor was without any solicitation on the part of the recipient, and was conferred on motion of the university's own officials. Dr. Ripley has been honored by the alumni of Bucknell, in being twice elected president of its New York Alumni Club, which office he now holds. He has held intimate and confidential relations with the faculties of the University of Rochester, the University at Lewisburg and the University of the City of New York since his graduation, and was strongly urged by the alumni and friends of Bucknell to become a candidate for the presidency of Bucknell University on the retirement of Dr. Hill, in 1888; but preference for his chosen profession, and duties he owed to himself in other directions, rendered such an undertaking impracticable. The life of our subject has been a busy one. He has been engaged in a large and active practice as a lawyer at the bar of New York since 1865. He has won distinction in ecclesiastical courts as well as State and Federal. He has been forever helping to educate others preparatory to business and professional life. Not an exception to the rule, while some have reciprocated with gratitude, others have violated obligations both to their benefactor and to themselves. For many years he has been a frequent contributor to college and other journals, and delivered many addresses at the universities referred to, and before gatherings of other college men and elsewhere. At the inauguration of Dr. Howard Crosby as chancellor of the University of the City of New York, in 1870, he was selected to deliver the address on behalf of the Alumni Association of the Law Department, and again in 1888, on their behalf, he delivered the address on the occasion of the presentation to the council of the university of the memorial portrait of Professor John Norton Pomeroy, LL.D., formerly dean of its faculty. On the retirement of President Hill from Bucknell University in 1888, Dr. Ripley was chosen to prepare the valedictory address on behalf of the alumni, and at the inauguration of his successor, Dr. Harris, in 1889, he made the salutatory address to the new president of Bucknell. His writings and addresses are characterized by force and elegance, and his arguments, true to his legal training, are logical, direct and convincing.

Away from professional duties and other literary engagements, his time is largely spent at his country seat. Here the work of twenty-five years, done at odd spells, during vacations and on holidays, has rewarded the proprietor in affording him both pleasure and profit. During his entire professional career, he has resided at Westfield, Union county, New Jersey, where, in 1865, he married Cornelia Ross, daughter of the late Hon. Gideon Ross. Mrs. Ripley died in 1883. In Westfield he has acquired real estate from time to time, and for many years has been the largest holder there. He, Mr. Warren Ackerman, John Taylor Johnston and John Kean are the largest real estate owners in Union county. Residing on his estates, now comprising over four hundred acres, he has bestowed time and money liberally in substantial improvements. His grounds are said to be laid out with much taste, and cared for as thoroughly and well as the grounds in Central Park. He has opened and graded more than ten miles of streets and avenues, some of them a hundred feet in width, planting the margins with shade trees, building cottages and otherwise beautifying his premises. It was estimated, some years ago, that the ornamental shade trees, then growing on these grounds along the front, if set in a continuous line, the usual spaces intervening, would reach from his residence in Westfield to his law office in the New York *Times* building, a distance of about nineteen miles. The number is much greater now than then; many of the trees are set in double rows, and the bodies of those planted earliest are from twelve to twenty-four inches in diameter. His lands are in the highest state of cultivation, and a force of not less than a dozen men are constantly employed in their cultivation and care. A herd of high bred Jersey cattle, kept on the premises, consume all hay and grain produced. For the last few years building sites have been sold, and costly private residences and public buildings have been erected, developing, in that way, this property, which is regarded the most desirable for suburban residences on the line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. If well managed, with the natural growth of the town, or even at the prices paid for the plots recently sold, the improved and unimproved real estate owned by him in Westfield is alone worth many hundred thousand dollars. It would not be an exaggeration to say, that he is at least, a prospective millionaire. The subject of this sketch is justly regarded liberal and public spirited. He has contributed much and often to worthy charities, and is acknowledged to have done more for the advancement of public interests, especially in the matter of improved county roads, than any other citizen in Union county. With the aid of his friends and neighbors, Senator James L. Miller, Assemblymen Foster M. Voorhees and Fred. C. Marsh, and Frank Bergen, Esq., the entire system of construct-

ing and maintaining public roads in Union county has been radically reformed, and roads of his construction have long been recognized as the best in the county. Greater than scholastic honors, more valuable than wealth in tenures, Chauncey B. Ripley esteems integrity of character, of which he himself is a shining example.

GEORGE F. SHRADY, M.D.

Hon. Chauncey B. Ripley, whose biography has just been given, and whose portrait appears as a frontispiece in the present issue, is a loyal member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, being one of the founders of Kappa Chapter, Class of 1864. On the organization of the New York Alumni Chapter, May 1, 1890, Mr. Ripley was elected Consul of the new chapter.

In this connection we desire to quote from *The University Magazine* a word concerning the author of the above tribute to one of our most illustrious alumni :

“The accomplished surgeon and journalist, Dr. George F. Shrady, A.M., M.D., Editor-in-Chief of *The Medical Record*, contributes to our columns in this number. The *Record*, of which Dr. Shrady has been the literary head for the past twenty years, is, as it were, a confession of faith in the medical world. It sustains about the same relation to doctors that *The Congregationalist*, *The Evangelist*, *The Churchman* and *The Observer* do to certain other large bodies of professional men. It is the leading journal of the medical profession in this country. Dr. Shrady, though a young man, has a national reputation. He wields the pen and the scalpel with equal dexterity. He was one of the corps of surgeons who attended General Grant in his last illness. His professional services are much sought in consultation, and he ranks high as a practitioner among the eminent men of his profession. Kindly send us something more, Dr. Shrady.”

THE WHITE CROSS AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

THESE recollections of the first appearance of the White Cross at Jefferson College, Cannonsburgh, Washington County, Pa., are written—and with much pleasure—by invitation of the Editor-in-Chief of the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY. This college was the home of the Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi.

For some time expectation in college had been standing on tiptoe waiting and watching for something new to appear amongst the fraternities. It was certainly coming, so they said, but no one could tell just what it would be. Finally, it somehow leaked out, or had been correctly conjectured, that on a certain morning, whatever it might prove to be, it would come to the light. And a little too early for chapel small squads of students, with their books under their arms, stationed themselves a few feet apart, at the street crossing just below the corner of the campus, where most of the students on their way to college would come together. The aforesaid squads looked wonderfully like four or five committees of three appointed for a purpose known to themselves. They were all fraternity men. Presently the students began to pass along as usual, first the few always early, but soon the sidewalks were crowded, the committee men, or whatever they were, keeping a sharp lookout for "signs." All at once one of them, with suppressed excitement, exclaimed, "Look there, that's it; why I never saw anything like that before," as the first White Cross was seen on the breast of a passing student. Then several of them chimed in with "Yes; and yonder goes another and another; there must be about half a dozen of them." "More than that," rejoined a Phi Psi; there's no telling yet how many of those fellows without badges may be members." He was about right. One not flush of money could hardly afford a badge at the price then. "They'll control a heavy vote," was the last he was heard to say as he walked on lost in thought. Curiosity just then was running dangerously high; and it was afterwards currently reported that a certain Greek, inheriting the old, native passion "to hear and to see some new thing," audibly proposed then and there to capture by force one of the new badges to see what it was; but that the new Greeks marched on with a look of defiance, such as Alcibiades says Socrates wore on the retreat from Delinus, when his pursuers concluded it would not be safe to close in with a foe so ready for self-defence, and they let him escape. So it was again.

A few minutes more and we are off the street, through the campus, and in the chapel. Here there was an unusual stir. It seemed as if the

evil spirits of restlessness,—not the seven but the whole legion,—had taken general possession. The Sophs, at best always unruly and noisy, were almost boisterous. The faculty glanced furtively around, but couldn't tell which of the five hundred feet were not shuffling on the floor, nor which of the half as many tongues were silent. Dr. Alden, the president, whose turn it was that morning to conduct worship, if the writer's memory is not at fault, looked stern, as much as to say, "Some of them must be expelled before it is any better." Good old Dr. Smith seemed as if he would say, "Oh, I wouldn't mind it much; many times it has been worse than this." Professor Frazier's look said as plainly as could be to some of the worst who caught his eye—and his glance was not without contempt however mild,—“No gentleman would do that.” Professor Williams looked sad, as if he would say, “I had hoped they would learn proper respect for Providence Hall” (the chapel). The meaning on Professor Jones' face was clear enough, “You needn't expect much better of them than this.” [The faculty,—most excellent men they were, every one of them,—gone now all to the great reward. Honor to their memory].

How did the other fraternities brook the advent of the White Cross? The Deltas at once walked close up to the new comers, meaning by a silent welcome, as we thought, that they considered it a pretty good thing. The Betas, reputed at that day to be just the very least aristocratic, more than half “turned the cold shoulder” towards it, and looked on with a sort of grave and dignified indifference. The “Skulls” didn't like the looks of it at all; it might stand in their way for some new men whom they would like to have. The Phi Psis were grim and sarcastic. They were shrewd politicians, and saw at a glance the danger to their long supremacy. College politics would be revolutionized. There was no possible way of escape. And they didn't like it by any means. No one fraternity could any longer sway the scepter alone. Alliances, leagues, and combinations must be the final resort. And so it was. And it was clear, too, from the start, that the new fraternity would hold the balance of power. But the old hegemony was lost beyond recovery; so much so that none of the Greek states seemed either desirous or ambitious of it. New and unexpected men now came to the front for society affairs, for contest, and for college honors. It took some time for affairs to adjust themselves and gravitate into any order that could be recognized or followed. But the final result was general improvement and a much fairer prospect for the really *worthy* and deserving. The bond of union amongst all the Greeks soon became stronger than ever it had been, and the great king sent no more for “earth and water.”

The charter members of Iota Chapter had come together by a sort

of "natural selection," the same that makes two students life-long friends. There was no purpose in view at first, nor was the grouping in any respect artificial. They had fraternized spontaneously, and had become a brotherhood by unwritten law before they thought of organizing or applying for a charter. Old Iota was doubly fortunate; first in the congeniality that secured a "pre-established harmony" amongst its members; and second, in obtaining, according to their choice, a charter from an order that proved in every respect well suited to their taste. Herodotus, when in his great work obliged to refer to the Egyptian mysteries, writes in few words. So let now and here be, whether for his reason or otherwise. It must suffice to say that we found chapter life pleasant and promotive of genuine friendship, and that it afforded a discipline social, moral and mental in every way valuable, and not then in any other way attainable.

When Constantine of old first saw the White Cross, and read inscribed upon it, *Ea touto nika*, it was up in a clear sky. But when the White Cross, with an Iota added, was first seen at old Jefferson, the college sky was often dark with clouds; and storms were not uncommon. The college was good and so was the faculty, and its members did all that wise and prudent men could be expected to do. And yet the days and nights, too, did not all pass without their hours of anarchy. In those old times,—it was something like thirty-two years ago,—the students came from all parts of the Union, and differed widely in culture, morals, manners and opinions. The local police of a town so small was of no account among so many, and left these temporary citizens,—for legally they are such,—practically lawless. Then the utterly futile attempt was made to govern them in college without any college code. Its absence was a public invitation to misbehavior. Its absence is always unfair both to students and faculty. Authority is not enough. There must be also adequate power to enforce it, and a legal way to use that power. It is the Board of Trustees, and not the faculty, that ought to be held responsible for the consequences, if the faculty is only authorized to govern and not also empowered to govern.

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SOME INCIDENTS OF COLLEGE LIFE AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

As a background to the preceding sketch, and illustrating the college life and times of those days, the following incidents, not the worst, are recalled and given in brief outline.

The President had reproved the Sophs for disorder in the chapel, intimating that wild Indians would behave better than they did. The next morning the Sophs in single file, dressed in the full costume of Indi-

ans, in war paint and with battle arms, marched in and took their usual seats in chapel. A long and bitter quarrel with the President ensued. The whole class was on the eve of expulsion. They had to make their peace as best they could or leave. They chose to stay.

One night between eleven and twelve o'clock about a hundred students, in all sorts of disguises—masks, faces blacked, coats and hats inside out, in blankets or quilts for wrappers, were serenading Olome Institute (Ladies Seminary). On a pyramid of store boxes about twenty-five feet high stood student "S," singing a song of his own make to the tune of "Old Kentucky Home," and rattling the bones to keep time. The others were circling round the pyramid and chiming in on the chorus. One of the lady teachers at the third story window requested them at least three times to go away. But the noise waxed louder and the yells more hideous. Then she hurled a smoothing iron into the midst of the disturbers of the peace. It slouched the broad brim of student "K's" planter hat down over his eyes and fell to the ground. It was picked up, neatly concealed in paper, scientifically labeled as a rare and curious geological find, and without arousing suspicion stored away in the cabinet of the Natural Science room. When the serenaders were going to their rooms the President surprised one of them by grasping him by the shoulder in the dark, and saying, "Stop! I know you; your name is—is—" "Yes, sir, Doctor, that's my name precisely," said the student, as he broke loose and ran away. But the Doctor couldn't get the name.

One day in the Natural Science room, when the Professor called for some one to put on the "dancing slippers," as an experiment in electricity, the juniors shouted with one voice, "E., Sr.!" Student E. walked to the desk, took off his boots, rolled up his pants to the knees, and put on the strange slippers. "Are you ready, Mr. E.?" said the Professor. The next instant the unwary junior leaped up several feet, the slippers flew off, and he uttered some big words not very polite or moral. "Oh, Mr. E.," said the Professor, holding up both hands, as if in astonishment, "you shouldn't be profane!" Mr. E. rushed back to his seat, with his boots in his hand, and the stamping, yelling, and clapping, brought the President to the door.

Not long afterward, in the same room, an experiment showing the danger from lightning of having powder in a house, was overdone by one of the two students called by the Professor to the desk to assist. Unobserved he increased the charge of powder to a dangerous degree. And when the electricity was applied the little model house was shivered to splinters and scattered all through the room. There was too much surprise for the usual noise from the class.

One day the juniors (seventy-eight) going to the next recitation, in

solid column of about four abreast, met the seniors (eighty-seven) at the foot of the second story stairway, and firmly held them back for several minutes. Dr. Alden came to the head of the stairs and commanded the juniors to give way, but not one of them moved. He then crawled down somehow over the heads and shoulders of the compact mass of seniors, and jerked away the juniors two at a time, one with each hand, till the column was weakened enough for the seniors to pass through.

But a great change came. A week of special religious service had been appointed. With other ministers, Dr. Plumer, of the Western Theological Seminary, had been invited and was there. Under the preaching of that saintly man a revival spread amongst the students. In the same old chapel, where we had seen indifference and disorder, the backs of the seats quivered under the grasp of those who struggled to hide their emotion. Many of the wildest and worst entered the Church. Some went away thoughtful, but united with the Church at home after they left college. It was the turning point for good in many a life.

A MEMBER OF IOTA.

A FRATERNITY FLOWER.

GRAPHO.

What flower shall grace our chapter halls,
And claim the homage of our praise?
Not one whose fame is link'd with war;
Choose one suggesting better days.
The "Rose" recalls fraternal strife,
For England's crown and scepter's power;
The "Lily," though its beauty charms,
We choose not as an emblem flower.
The "Shamrock," from tradition dear,
Makes many a weary heart to thrill,
The "Thistle," dear to Scotia's sons,
Lacks something for our purpose still.
A bloom of real merit choose,
Modest, unconscious of its worth;
Though fit to wreath an angel's brow,
Claiming no eminence of birth,
Combining beauty, fragrance, grace,
When with the sparkling dew 'tis wet;
Lovelier than Golconda's gems,
We choose the modest VIOLET.

THE MEETING AND BANQUET OF THE EPSILON ALUMNI CHAPTER.

" And doth not a meeting like this make amends
For all the long years I've been wandering away,
To see thus around me my youth's early friends,
As smiling and kind as in that happy day."

THE youthful and buoyant Epsilon Alumni Chapter, located at Washington, D. C., held its first formal reunion and banquet on February 18, 1890. In the afternoon, a business meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of other business was held. Among other matters of interest, an invitation was unanimously voted to the next Biennial Convention to come to Washington. It is very much hoped that the invitation will be acted upon favorably; and, if it is, the hosts will do their best at entertaining.

An amendment to the by-laws was also adopted, providing for the transaction of all kinds of business (except amendments to the by-laws) by correspondence, so as to avoid the necessity of calling the Chapter together except in important cases. Resolutions of sorrow at the death of our late brother, Benjamin G. Lovejoy, were also adopted.

In the evening, the members of the Chapter, with their Sig guests, assembled at the Shoreham "for purposes of recreation." Friends from all parts of the country met here; some of them for the first time in many years. The members of old Epsilon Chapter were especially numerous, and filled all those present with the spirit of their own hearty good will and cheerfulness.

To the better understanding of the events of this reunion, it may be well to refer briefly to the history of old Epsilon and to the organization and history of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter. In the year 1864, June 10, the Epsilon Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity was organized with the following charter members, viz.: Reginald Fendall, Thos. S. Samson, Thomas Jesup Miller, J. Abbot Moore, Robert Farnham, Joseph T. Clark, Henry J. Handy and William F. C. Morsell. It started out under very favorable conditions and soon became a large and influential chapter; and continued in active existence until about 1876, when, from some unknown cause, it passed into a dormant state, and has remained so ever since. A few of her alumni, feeling a love and veneration for those halcyon days, met occasionally to consider the feasibility of erecting a monument to old Epsilon in the shape of an alumni association. The prime mover in this was our late lamented brother, Benjamin G. Lovejoy, who conceived the idea, and soon interested his old school-

mates, Bros. Fendall and Farnham. Together with the assistance of R. W. Springer, of Omega Chapter, they sent out invitations last Spring to a number of resident and non-resident Sigma Chis, and were rewarded with a response from nearly every one, expressing his desire and willingness to join an alumni association. The association organized March 23, 1889, with 28 charter members; and has since added considerably to its membership. The headquarters are at 344 D Street, N. W., where all members of the fraternity will be welcome; and where the association expects, in time, to establish a Washington Bureau of Information for all the members of the fraternity. The membership now represents twelve active chapters; and the chapter bids fair to become one of the largest and most successful alumni chapters in the fraternity. The spirit of enthusiasm has been so energetic that it has inspired other cities to follow Epsilon's example; and we expect soon to hear from our brother Sigma Chis in Baltimore, Md., and Philadelphia, Pa., of like organizations.

The banquet of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, gave the Shoreham parlors the air of a college student's club. White crosses were on the breasts of all the incomers. The gray-beards seemed to be college professors, except for the substitution of *bonhomie* for excessive dignity. The younger members were as rosy as undergraduates. As the fifty guests and hosts sat down to the table, there seemed little more distinction than separates the freshman and the senior. The tables were arranged in a "T" shape, beautifully ornamented with alternating beds of roses and chrysanthemums, a floral cross of the fraternity rising above the bank of potted plants back of the master of the feast; and from the depths of the hall came the strains of the fraternity waltz, mingled at intervals with operetta and plantation melodies, during the pauses between the courses and the toasts. Before each plate lay a handsomely engraved "menu" card, whose front page bore the banner of the society, with some mythological symbols such as butterflies and serpents, the interpretation whereof is supposed to be known only to the initiated, and having embossed in gold the words "First Annual Reunion of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, The Shoreham, Feb. 18, 1890." The second page contained a list of the toasts; the third page recited a list of such delicacies as were to regale the so-called inner man; and the fourth page contained a very useful novelty in the shape of a geographically arranged roll of the names of those expected to be present. In front of each plate was an individual name-card tied with the fraternity colors, blue and gold. The trained corps of waiters stuck to the text, from "blue points" to "coffee," far more closely than the

speakers, who commenced after the introduction of cigars. Epsilon is proud of the fact that, in the capital city she has set an example for similar entertainments, by giving a banquet at which no ardent drinks were served *or called for*; and by proving the success of such a plan by the continuous and almost phenomenal flow of good humor, and by the pleasure which all expressed with the evening's "dissipation."

Bro. Fendall had been good-naturedly compelled to act as toast-master for the occasion; and, as soon as he could get the floor, proceeded to retaliate upon Bro. A. B. Duvall, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who happened to be the first speaker on the programme. Bro. Fendall said, as soon as he had been assigned to the position of toast-master, which he had labored long and earnestly to attain (?), he had provided himself with a set of the proper text-books, such as "The Polished Orator," etc., and had, after much tribulation, evolved an address that was to strike admiration into every heart. What then was his mortification and chagrin at receiving yesterday morning, by special delivery, a polite note from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, informing him that all remarks were to be limited to five minutes each! He then declared it his intention to say nothing whatever in view of the said affront; and proceeded to call upon Bro. Duvall to respond to the toast, "Epsilon Chapter":

"You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

Brother Duvall pleasantly recalled the memories of Columbian University to the old members of Epsilon Chapter. He said he was in a quandary as to what to compare Epsilon,—whether to Rosalind in her bower, sleeping the sleep of the innocent, fair and beautiful, waiting to be awakened by the kiss of the prince; or to Tara's harp on the walls, mute, ready to burst forth into melody at the touch of some master. He finally gave up the attempt to compare her to anything; for she was unique, and she stands alone. He saw in the banqueters before him a realization of his text: "You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will, but the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

"The inspiration of Apollinarius and kindred drinks," gave sparkle to the wit of Bro. Andrew A. Lipscomb, as he continued the subject; and he also poked fun at the committee's invitation which pointedly suggested a five-minutes limit to his speech. He at times seemed to imagine he was addressing a jury; and he even went so far as to compliment those present in having sufficient intelligence to be jurors! In conclusion, he toasted the Chapter after the fashion of the Irishman, "Epsilon, last in the field, and first to leave it;" or, if that doesn't suit the Chapter, "equal to none."

The second toast was "Sigs in Congress ; 'the old flag and an appropriation.'" The committee had arranged for two responses to each toast, so as to make sure of one at least ; but in the present case the same uniform casualty,—a night session at the Capitol,—deprived us of both "respondents." In the absence of Congressmen E. C. Venable and Geo. W. Cooper, the chair called for a response from Bro. W. W. Curry, who gave a dignified and earnest address, avoiding as much as possible the subject assigned him, about which he said he knew nothing whatever from experience.

In response to the toast "Sigs in the Pulpit," Rev. S. P. Dillon came on from Nebraska to show that "The unseen is the real" to such Sigs ; and stated that, of all the eminent divines who were preaching the Gospel in this country and in Europe, and even in China, you would meet none better than those who wore the White Cross of Sigma Chi.

Bro. Sebastian Brown, of Baltimore, Md., testified of "Sigs at the Bar ;" being willing, he said, in case one sort of "bar" should bring his brothers behind the other, to do what he could to release them. He gave an amusing alleged account of two Baltimore lawyers trying to enter heaven, and how one succeeded by concealing the fact that he was a member of the legal profession, and calling himself a "musician" instead.

The next toast was "Sigs in Medicine : 'Throw physic to the dogs.'" The first response was by Dr. George N. Acker. Bro. Acker said he would proceed to "throw physic to the dogs," as he was bound to do by the card ; and, after a brief exercise in that direction, returned to Epsilon Chapter and tales of other days. After having given a long and honorable list of the names of men who have achieved distinction in medicine with the white cross badge of the fraternity on their bosoms, he was followed by his colleague, Dr. Reginald Munson, who made his maiden banquet speech, and gave an account of his experience in the initiation of members, that was thrilling.

The next toast was "Sigs in the Press : 'A tyrant if wrong, a blessing if right.'" Responses were made by Mr. Theodore W. Noyes, of the *Evening Star*, and Major D. M. Ransdell, Marshal of the District of Columbia. Bro. Noyes spoke more of the ghost of the evening, "Old Epsilon Chapter," which had had many of its seances at his house. He left the press part of the toast to Bro. Ransdell, who paid a tribute of "respect" to the press ; a "feeling," he said, "that every man who had run up against the press crosswise should have." He characterized the press as the balance wheel in every community, as the power that makes and unmakes statesmen.

"Sigs in Business: The Almighty Dollar wins," was the next toast; and was responded to by Major S. H. Walker and Mr. Howard J. Keyworth. Bro. Walker's address bore some relation to the current discussion, as to whether or not college lives unfit men for business, or make it distasteful to graduates. Bro. Keyworth, who followed, said he saw the business men coming to the front. When the people see in the merchant the sterling worth of his long and honorable association with the people and call him from the seclusion of private life to execute the laws of his country, there must be something in him. His speech was delivered in a very feeling and eloquent manner.

"Infants carry the White Cross to the front" was the sentiment for the toast of "The Active Chapters;" and Bro. Thomas Ewing, Jr., was the first to speak for the undergraduates in a very bright speech, provoking constant laughter and applause. To the ancient brethren, "Doubt not," said he, "that these now on the high mountain, 'whence all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them' are seen within certain reach, and upon whom has descended the duty of battling for our beloved fraternity, will keep her banner 'still full high advanced.'" Bro. George H. Gorman gave a eulogy of those same college days; and with his eloquence and pathos led his hearers alternately from laughter nearly to tears.

The last formal toast of the evening was, "Alumni Chapters: Grandfathers, their works do follow them;" with responses from Prof. Marion M. Miller, of Princeton, and Mr. Ruter W. Springer. Bro. Miller gave a very interesting talk on alumni chapters in general. Bro. Springer tried to show how alumni chapters might and do work so that their works live after them; and gave some account of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and their doings.

Dr. Robert Farnham was then called up informally. He had been one of the hard workers on the committee of arrangements, and was taken wholly by surprise. He gave a very interesting account, however, of the organization of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter and of her aspirations for the future; and defended the Executive Committee from the abuse (?) it had received during the evening.

The presence of the Attorney-General of Ohio led to an account from that gentleman, Judge D. K. Watson, of what Sigma Chi had done for him, and how he loved the fraternity and would always feel happy to grasp the hand of any one who wore the "White Cross." Bro. L. B. Allen, of Norfolk, Va., said he had left his home, the "City by the Sea," to come and attend the banquet. He said it made him feel good to be present once more with so many Sigma Chis. He had met friends to-night whom he had not seen for over a quarter of a century; and he

invited the boys to Norfolk, "but not all to come at once," as Bro. Watson had done.

"The mystic hour" of two A.M. having arrived, the meeting was declared adjourned; and the first dinner of Epsilon Alumni was at an end.

The members present were :

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| Dr. G. N. Acker (Theta), Washington, D. C. | Mr. A. K. Leuckel (Alpha Rho), Norristown, Pa. |
| Mr. W. J. Acker (Theta), Washington, D. C. | Mr. A. A. Lipscomb (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. L. B. Allen (Epsilon), Norfolk, Va. | Mr. O. J. Markle (Beta), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. Snowden Ashford (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Major M. G. McLain (Xi), Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Mr. Sebastian Brown (Omicron), Baltimore, Md. | Mr. F. W. McReynolds (Delta Chi), Washington, D. C. |
| Lt. L. N. Charles (Delta Delta), Washington, D. C. | Mr. C. H. Miller (Alpha Rho), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. R. D. Clifton (Omicron), Baltimore, Md. | Prof. M. M. Miller (Beta), Princeton, N. J. |
| Mr. G. Y. Coffin (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Dr. Reginald Munson (Beta), Washington, D. C. |
| Dr. E. S. Conlyn (Omicron), Baltimore, Md. | Mr. T. W. Noyes (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. W. W. Curry (Lambda), Washington, D. C. | Major D. M. Ransdell (Xi), Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Rev. S. P. Dillon (Chi), Lincoln, Neb. | Mr. W. R. Sattler (Alpha Rho), Baltimore, Md. |
| Mr. A. B. Duvall (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Mr. W. H. Singleton (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. J. W. Duvall (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Mr. R. W. Springer (Omega), Springfield, Ill. |
| Mr. E. T. C. Earle (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Mr. Frank G. Strong (Delta Chi), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. Thomas Ewing, Jr. (Beta), Washington, D. C. | Dr. E. L. Tompkins (Psi), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. Wm. C. Ewing (Beta), Washington, D. C. | Major S. H. Walker (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. |
| Dr. Robert Farnham (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Mr. John E. Watkins (Phi), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. Reginald Fendall (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. | Atty.-Genl. D. K. Watson (Omicron), Columbus, Ohio. |
| Mr. G. H. Gorman (Zeta), Washington, D. C. | Mr. Benjamin White (Epsilon), Washington, D. C. |
| Mr. Daniel Hay (Omicron), Guthrie, I. T. | |
| Mr. Linden Kent (Psi), Washington, D. C. | |
| Mr. H. Q. Keyworth (Omicron), Washington, D. C. | |

A NEW YORK ALUMNI CHAPTER FORMED.

It was an enthusiastic gathering of Sigs which met in Clark's restaurant, 22 West Twenty-third street, on the evening of May 1, at the first formal dinner which our fraternity has held in New York in many a year. Thirty men were there from the city and vicinity, and Epsilon Alumni Chapter from Washington sent up three of her men to give an impetus to the organization of an alumni chapter in New York. At 8 o'clock the boys sat down at the board, with Bro. William Erdman presiding. After a most enjoyable hour, spent in getting rid of the edibles, Bro. Erdman rapped to order. "This is a family gathering," he said, "and in every way informal. We are going to live over again the experiences of our college life. Though we are the sons of many alma maters we have one common bond in our love for Sigma Chi. We rejoice to lay aside our cares and come together here to-night. We are here to strengthen ourselves in the East, and we must take steps to have a permanent organization at once. I trust that this, our *conversations* may be as enjoyable as the dinner which has gone before."

Dr. Robert Farnham, of Epsilon, was introduced as the first speaker of the evening.

"I did belong to Epsilon Chapter, and joined it in 1864," he said, with a sigh, "when Bro. Ziegenfuss came down from Theta to organize it. It was through Kappa, though, that Epsilon was established, and John W. Custis conceived the idea of forming the chapter. Epsilon is dead, but a few of her alumni, wishing to erect a monument to her memory, established an alumni chapter last year with twenty men, which has now been swelled to thirty-nine, representing twelve different chapters. We are all interested in New York alumni, and have come on from Washington to-day to help you to get together. I am glad to say that I will tell the boys when I return that you are getting along famously."

Bro. Thomas Ewing, of Beta, who also hails from Washington, spoke next, and gave some good advice to his hearers.

"You have a chance here to start chapters in Columbia and the other colleges here, and with a strong alumni organization you cannot fail in making a good start. The organization that you need here is about the same as we have in Washington. It would not be a large expense for one man, but a steady drain on all. Our fraternity is now practically a Southern and Western one. It ought to spread East as well. We haven't one chapter in New York. I will conclude with a toast to the success of the alumni of New York, and to the chapters that will be established here."

At this stage Bro. Erdman rose to read a telegram from Bro. A. S. Appleton, who announced that the arrival of a son and heir prevented his attendance, at which all arose and drank to the new-born Sigma Chi. Bro. Erdman then introduced Dr. Francis A. Scratchley as the Sig who first suggested and proposed the idea of a dinner and the formation of a chapter in New York. Dr. Scratchley was greeted with cheers and hand clapping.

"I have received very pleasant letters from the appeal which went out, and I feel that there will be no trouble in forming ourselves into a permanent body. I find the names of one hundred and six men in the catalogue, living in the vicinity of New York." The doctor detailed his idea for a club house. He suggested that three or four men could club together and take a house in the city, and a portion of it could be occupied by the alumni organization until things were established on a firmer basis at a small expense.

The Rev. Dr. Henry L. Ziegenfuss of Poughkeepsie who belongs to Theta was the next to respond to a toast.

"It is 27 years," he said in a reminiscent mood, "since I first became acquainted with Sigma Chi. The billy was then only eight years old but he was a mighty lively billy. I well remember the night when the boys came over from Omicron. They brought over a special goat. It was a wonderful goat and I believe it is still living. I remember that night very well and I have a hazy recollection that somebody didn't turn up the next day at recitation. Two months afterward some of our Confederate friends came over to Pennsylvania to pay us a visit and most of us joined the army to help in keeping them back. It was while we were lying near Gettysburg that some fellows from Lewisburg visited us, and in consequence a petition came soon afterward from Brother Theodore A. K. Gessler asking for a charter, and we passed the petition unanimously, and in April, 1864, Kappa was organized, one of the brightest stars in the whole constellation of Sigma Chi. We started Epsilon in an old building and so we set Brothers Farnham and Fendall, who are with us to-night, in the right way. We were few in number in 1863. We were not anxious to increase our number, for we felt that we were the beginners and in us lay the future destiny of the fraternity which we were helping to found. We tried to find men of ability. We always wanted to find gentlemen and felt that in Sigma Chi we should have no one whom we could not take to the home of our mothers and sisters. This was the spirit of our fraternity."

Dr. J. Herbert Claiborne of New York, who hails from Psi, followed the dominie.

"I see before me men who have come from the Golden Gate to the

Atlantic, from the frozen North to the sunny South. I feel that I am looking on faces strange, yet familiar. We are here as Sigma Chis to do our duty. It seems to me we should look to our deeds and not to our words. There is one man here with us to-night, Dr. Scratchley, who is the author and originator of our deeds here to-night. We are here for the purpose of renewing our faith to Sigma Chi.

"In 1855 we find seven men coming together to form a nucleus whose influence has increased up to the present day until it has spread all over the land. This is no experimental gathering here to-night. We have come here for the purpose of organizing and we will not leave until we have formed a nucleus around which Sigma Chi can gather. It is here that we will plant the grain of mustard seed which will spring into the tree on which the birds of passage can rest. Drink with me to the toast of the order of Sigma Chi. May our power increase and our escutcheon remain as spotless as that of the fraternity throughout the land."

To J. Stewart Happer of Beta was accorded the privilege of responding to the toast to "The Ladies."

"Nothing is sweeter," he said, "in college life than the remembrance of the college girl, and the remembrance of the moment when we pinned the badge on the loveliest of her sex will never leave our minds. Now let me translate the meaning of the symbols on our cross in a new way. The white of the badge represents the spotless purity of the Sigma Chi girl. The gold—the sterling gold of which she is composed. The chains—the chains which bind us to her, the chains which we are not willing to break. At the top are the keys which unlock her heart—two keys you see, to show that we don't confine ourselves to one girl. Then there is the scroll which stands for the innumerable sheets of paper on which, as Freshmen, we scribbled when we could not control our feelings toward her. The eagle's head typifies that we will have no inferior girl, no cooing dove, but one that will soar with us through life. On the lower arm are the clasped hands which represent the end and consummation of our hopes. And one by one as the years pass by, we see the stars, our children, appear until perhaps they are the mystic seven in number. Who has not recognized the value of the Sigma Chi girl in the chase after valuable men, when through her coy glances they were persuaded that there was but one fraternity and that the one of the White Cross. Drink with me to the health of the Sigma Chi girl."

Chauncey B. Ripley, one of New York's most prominent lawyers and the patriarch of the gathering, after a witty speech, moved that a permanent organization be formed, and it was so unanimously decided. Chairman Erdman read a letter from Brother Alling, the Grand Tribune,

announcing that the charter had already been granted, which brought more cheers. Prof. M. M. Miller of Princeton and Alfred Taylor, another Kappa man, also spoke. Dr. Claiborne moved to go into executive session and proposed this ticket: Consul, Chauncey B. Ripley; Proconsul, William B. Erdman; Annotator, S. T. Mather; Quæstor, Dr. F. A. Scratchley; and Custos, J. S. Happer. The names were seconded by Dr. Ziegenfuss and all were unanimously elected. It was agreed that the officers should decide on the next meeting, and a committee of three, Brothers Ripley, Taylor and Mather, was appointed to draw up a set of by-laws. It was moved that the names of the officers and charter members be sent to the Grand Council at Chicago.

"In conclusion," said Brother Happer, "I want to move a vote of thanks to Dr. Scratchley for his efforts in bringing us together." The motion was carried with a cheer and the first of Sigma Chi's alumni meetings was at an end.

Those who were at the dinner were:

J. Stewart Happer, of Beta; the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Ziegenfuss, of Theta; Alfred Taylor, of Kappa; Roderick P. Fisher, of Alpha Kappa; W. H. Hubbard, of Alpha Rho; William H. Harris, of Omega; Harry S. Collette, of Mu; C. C. Baldwin, of Omicron; Frank E. Bradner, of Omicron; E. J. Cook, of Alpha Delta; William H. Pierce, of Alpha Delta; Dudley T. Lyall, of Alpha Delta; J. Day Flack, of Alpha Delta; W. W. Schenck, of Alpha Delta; William Everett Quimby, of Alpha Delta; Charles T. Murray, of Lambda; Francis A. Scratchley, of Zeta; S. T. Mather, of Alpha Beta; J. Hollis Wells, of Phi; Colin E. King, of Rho; Chauncey B. Ripley, of Kappa; A. T. Welles, of Kappa; M. M. Miller, of Beta; J. H. Ridenour, of Beta; S. B. Miller, of Delta Delta; Dr. J. Herbert Claiborne, of Psi, and William Erdman, of Beta.

The Washington delegation was composed of Reginald Fendall, Epsilon Alumni's President; Dr. Robert Farnham and Thomas Ewing. Letters of regret were read from many Sigs, including Congressman Stahlnecker and other prominent brothers who are living in and about New York.

The prospects of our alumni chapter are of the best, and to all appearances we are now on the high road to prosperity. In a very short time we expect to have a home to which we can invite every Sig who comes our way.

S. T. MATHER, *Annotator*.

CONVENTION OF THE FOURTH PROVINCE, HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., APRIL 11, 1890.

THE date of the State Oratorical Contest is a red letter one with Hoosier Sigs. Indiana is a hot-bed of Knights of the White Cross, and they are all brought together at the annual meeting of orators. For this reason, April eleventh was considered the most auspicious time at which to hold the State, or Fourth Province, Convention. Accordingly arrangements were made by Grand Prætor Lindley, at the instance of the Grand Tribune, for a successful meeting. Each of the six chapters of the State were entitled to five delegates each. Besides these, visitors were present, making a total attendance of about fifty.

The convention met in the chapel of the Y. M. C. A. building. Organization was effected by the election of Saxe W. Mowers, of Wabash College, President; C. Russ Richards, of Purdue University, Vice President; John H. Harrison, of DePauw University, Recording Secretary; Alois B. Graham, of Hanover College, Corresponding Secretary; Daniel Layman, of Butler University, Treasurer; and George Heylmann, of Indiana University, Doorkeeper.

C. W. Moores, Esq.—Delta Chi, '82—of Indianapolis, delivered an address of welcome. He said that younger Sigs were always welcome in his presence, and he was especially proud to welcome the brothers to Indianapolis. J. A. Patterson, of DePauw University, responded briefly. A number of very interesting papers were read. C. Russ Richards, of Purdue University, discoursed on "The Chapter Meeting." His paper contained some good suggestions for efficient work in the meetings. "Inter-Chapter Relations," was the subject of J. C. Brewer, of Butler University. Next to the association of individual members of a chapter, he said, the best thing possible was the mingling of chapters one with another. Base-ball and foot-ball games, state field days and oratorical contests afforded good opportunities for the exchange of chapter visits. They should be indulged in as much as possible. "Spiking," by J. A. Patterson, of DePauw University, was a subject that elicited much discussion. Certainly it is a subject all become enthusiastic over. No set rules could be adopted. The job must be varied and adapted to individual cases. A thorough study of human nature is the preliminary training. A matter so important cannot be trusted indiscriminately to the members. The natural politician of the chapter is the proper man to lead. Some younger member should be constantly in training for such work by the brothers of more experience. A. M. Bain, of Indiana University, had for his subject "The Ideal Fraternity Man." The Ideal

Fraternity Man was described as the individual for whom we are all looking; not a student alone, not an athlete alone, not a society man alone, but all happily combined in one well-developed, rounded gentleman. "Are Chapter Houses Desirable?" by E. Vernon Randall, of Wabash College, was a question to which the author found but one answer—most emphatically, they are. "How We Built a Chapter House," by C. B. Edson, of Hanover College, received very earnest attention. Chi has built a chapter house, and every other chapter wants information as to how it it can do likewise. The plan, as explained, is a good one, and the information should be imparted in detail to every chapter. Its practicability has already been demonstrated. It only needs a little energy. Each paper was followed by general discussion of the subject. There was not a dry discourse delivered.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following :

(1). *Resolved*, That the Second Convention of the Fourth Province of Sigma Chi, hereby recommend to the consideration of the coming Biennial Convention, the revision of the old, or the compilation of a new, Song Book.

(2). *Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Convention, that all Provincial Conventions of this fraternity be held annually, and that they be held simultaneously, in order that concerted action be made possible through telegraphic communication.

(3). *Resolved*, That we would heartily endorse the adoption of a Sigma Chi flag and flower.

(4). *Resolved*, That we recommend to the consideration of the next Biennial Convention, the addition to the Ritual of funeral rites.

(5). *Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Convention, that steps should be taken toward the establishment of a Provincial Chapter House at Indianapolis.

(6). *Resolved*, That we, the members of the Convention, extend our hearty thanks to Rho Chapter, for their untiring efforts toward making this Convention a success.

(7). *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded for publication in the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY.

J. W. ARBUCKLE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
A. F. McCORMICK,	
E. H. LINDLEY.	

After the contest in the evening, the boys sat down to an elaborate banquet at the Grand Hotel. Augustus L. Mason, Esq.—Xi, '79—was Toastmaster. The toasts responded to were: "The Modern Sig,"

Louis Newberger, Esq.—Rho, '73 ; "The Alumni," W. F. Elliott, Esq.—Rho, '80 ; "The Sigs at the Bar," Merrill Moores, Esq.—Rho, '76 ; "Alpha," W. E. Hackedorn, Esq.—Gamma, '75 ; "The Indiana Sigs," O. C. Helming—Rho, '88 ; "The National Fraternity," Willard Robertson—Lambda, '89.

It was a merry crowd that broke up that night at two o'clock. The success of the Convention was a guarantee for its repetition in the future. The benefit of the discussions and the social pleasures were of inestimable value. Sigs love Sigs as Sigs, but the Indiana boys now feel that each knows the others personally, and his interest is thus deepened. The State Convention will, no doubt, be an annual occurrence in the future.

ZETA.

"The boy is father to the man,"—so sang
 That member of the Lake School, years ago,—
 Our fathers surely were ignoble scamps,
 If the aforesaid aphorism be so.
 Thus were they all, the boys of Sigma Chi,
 That made up Zeta's chapter in the past—
 Steele, Crutchfield, Gorman, Ludwig, Porterfield,
 And Robinson,—myself not least but last,—
 And others whom the world will surely praise
 For what is worthiest done by manhood's might.
 But 'mongst the faces of that little group,
 That rise so fresh before my soul to-night,
 Is one whose stainless life was not too long.
 Oh, God ! how are old memories so strong !

HUBERT T. HOUSTON, Zeta, '79-'84.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE UPON AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LIFE.

STUDENTS and reviewers of American history and American institutions always experience a difficulty in successfully describing our University system. The circumstances which have attended the founding of our educational institutions in no wise resemble the events which have given rise to the great universities of Europe. Princely favors, or papal decrees have never figured as factors in the development of American colleges. Their birth they owe to private munificence and denominational zeal ; their development has been a feature in the history of a people whose educational enlightenment has been as marked, as was their political freedom sudden. To a foreigner, much of this seems incomprehensible. Finding so few elements in common with the European schools, the foreign reviewer is apt to regard our university system as *sui generis*, and thus to underestimate the influence which foreign seats of learning exert over us. Too often is this the fault of our own writers. Absorbed with the idea of our peculiar individuality, self-reliant in our strength and ability to work out our own destiny ; and, perhaps, tinged with that national conceit which in the past was so satirized, we are slow to appreciate the influence which the institutes of the older countries exert in shaping our educational methods.

Yet, interwoven in our university system may be found characteristics of the majority of the foreign seats of learning. In their absolute freedom and general popularity our universities resemble those of Scotland. In form of government, and in a rapidly increasing pride in architectural splendor, we may trace the effects of contact with life at Oxford and Cambridge. To the French university we must attribute that political enthusiasm which has lately imbued the spirit of several of our Eastern colleges ; for amongst all the European universities, that of Paris best illustrates the power which may be wielded by an organized body of students, whose broad information and disinterested activity in political questions entitle them to a voice in the administration of public affairs. Untrammelled by imperial restraint, which so often refuses utterance to the German or Russian student opinion ; free from that inherited, ponderous conservatism which distinguishes the English universities, the University of Paris encourages the study of political history and political methods as means to enlightened citizenship, and gives free voice to its opinions on all national topics. It became my opportunity and pleasure to see this fact evidenced during the recent political stir in France, when the persistent and sarcastic attacks of the

students did so much towards destroying the puny idol who basked for a day in the favor of a French mob. It was the hands of the students of Paris who so effectually draped the mantle of buffoonery around the shoulders of Boulanger. It is a significant fact that during the late Presidential campaign, that cause which shall go down to history by the name of "Mugwumpery," found some of its ablest and most enthusiastic champions in the ranks of our Eastern universities, notably at Harvard, where a French tone prevails, and where the *Conférence Française* disseminates political precepts and evinces a lively interest in French affairs, thus furnishing an admirable school of political methods. This, however, should be a matter of national congratulation. When American politics have been re-enforced by the best talent from the ranks of our university men, when that lofty sense of patriotism for the triumph of a just cause shall move our scholars to work side by side with the professional politician, then, and then only, shall we reach that plane to which American politics should be elevated.

But it is German influence which predominates in our university life. We are apt to look upon German influence over American affairs, as consisting solely in the effects produced by the enormous German immigration to this country, which has so advanced our brewing interests, developed our musical taste, defeated prohibitory legislation, and given a continental character to our national Sunday. But these changes have resulted from contact with those from the humbler walks of German life; for our immigrants are, as a rule, the peasant class, and with one or two exceptions, have never won any distinction in national affairs.

It is my province to mention a loftier influence which is being exerted by the German savants over our cultivated classes.

The great majority of American collegians who go abroad for study, pass by Oxford and Cambridge, or the University of Paris, and connect themselves with one of the famous German universities. Thus have our university graduates become thoroughly imbued with the German spirit and German methods, which in after years, as teachers in American colleges, they transmit to a rapidly increasing undergraduate class. I have mixed freely with American students at the German universities, and with few exceptions, all have expressed enthusiastic admiration of the thoroughness, the zeal for study, the industry and patience which characterize the German students, and which have raised their schools to such a glorious pre-eminence. The good effect of this intercourse with the German university system has been clearly demonstrated in the admirable work being done in our own colleges. In the past decade our universities have made wonderful strides toward the accomplishment of a higher intellectual development. American students are

lending their best energies to the development of a line of special studies, proficiency in which can never be applauded by the masses, though it will bring enviable fame to him who conducts the research, and add glory to his alma mater. The development and encouragement of this spirit—the highest attainment of university life—we owe to Germany. I can think of no such emphatic proof of this assertion than to point to the history and accomplishments of our foremost university, Johns Hopkins. There, more strongly than in any of our colleges, is the German spirit of study and research applied, and the spirit of German University life evinced; and there, amongst the professors and post-graduate students, are to be found our brightest and most brilliant exponents of historical, political and economical truths.

Mr. Bryce, in his "American Commonwealth," referring to our literary accomplishments, says: "Indeed, it is remarkable how far from showy and sensational is the bulk of the work done in America. It is mostly work of the German type, solid, careful, exact, not at all the sort of work which theorists about democracy would have looked for since it appeals rather to the learned few, than to the so-called general reader." This is an enviable admission to win from a scholar of such attainments, and it becomes a matter of congratulation that our university men have ever seen the wisdom of modeling much of our collegiate life after that of the Germans. Particularly should we adhere to that principle by which the line of special studies has been developed; for distinction in this means universal fame.

Germany stands to-day, amongst all the other countries, as the greatest promoter and encourager of devotion to a special line of thought, study or action. To the development of this idea she owes her present proud position as the arbiter of European destinies. As her scholars and thinkers have ever been the closest students of the characteristics of ancient nations, so have they learned to profit by this study and apply useful lessons to their own national government. This master plan of "specialization" is one of the most successful results of their deep research into the histories of other nations. It has been carried into every department of the national German government. Her scholars, her diplomats, her soldiers, her artisans, all represent the best in their province. No one has done more to make this appreciation of special ability a national characteristic than the great Chancellor; and surely we may predict that no one will do more to carry this idea to perfection than the brilliant young Emperor who now presides over German destinies.

I think one fault of our university system has been, that we failed to appreciate this concentration of energy upon one line of thought.

Proud of the reputation for versatility and general information which has ever been awarded our public men, we have expected the same general excellence in our college professors, and have not, perhaps, been alert to recognize special merit. Not so the German. Imperial marks of distinction do not rest upon that professor whose lectures attract a crowd of students from a general, pleasing charm; they rather seek him whose deep and persistent research in some special line of thought have made him an authority whose views may be depended upon, whose counsels may be safely invoked. In many minor matters, of which we cannot treat, our university life is closely allied with that of Germany. It is interesting to note the resemblances between the German Studenten Corps and our Greek Fraternities. In a spirit of good-fellowship and brotherhood, and from a social standpoint, they are largely the same. But here the resemblance ceases. The Studenten Corps makes no pretensions to literary work. Their extra energies they expend in that boyish folly of duelling. The military spirit which pervades every phase of German life, accomplished admirable results in the German lecture room, namely, a promptness in assembling, strict attention to the lectures, and a ready disposition to hiss any late-comer, who is justly regarded a "disturbing element." I would we might obtain the same results. But with our spirit of quick observation, these and other elements worthy of emulation, must be added to our university life.

Keen observers of European events, possessed of a versatility which will enable us to quickly appreciate the various influences which are being exerted over us, we should carefully retain these elements of proven merit, rejecting features which may retard the progress of a system already the wonder of students of our history. In spite of the difficulties which attend the history of a new people, our universities have achieved a signal success in their influence upon our national character, as well as in the place they have taken amongst foreign seats of learning. Confident of a brilliant literary pre-eminence by the industry and ardor of our teachers, supported by a rapidly increasing cultured class who are anxious to reach that goal in intellectual attainments which shall surely be ours, assured of a sound financial basis from the liberal spirit of our philanthropists, and free from any serious retarding influence, our universities are, amongst all our other institutions, most deserving of liberal praise from the reviewers of American history, and most inspiring to the contemplative student of our future greatness.

NATHAN POWELL, *Chi*, '84.

THE COLLEGE MAN IN JOURNALISM.

A SYMPOSIUM.

I.

Qualifications for the Profession.

If a young man in college thinks he has a fancy for newspaper work, not journalism as that term is abused, his capacity therefor cannot be better tested than by beginning at the bottom of the ladder and working up. It is the college man who can make his liberal education serve the purpose of a police item as well as the thought and care of an editorial, that succeeds in what he will continue to call journalism, until experience teaches him otherwise. There are conditions in college life that foster false estimates and desires as to professions. Resonant voice and ornate periods are too often accepted as sign posts to law and the pulpit, as the elaborate essay is to the newspaper office. College training is of great value in the latter as it is in courts and churches, but when with that alone one seeks to create a writer of current events, failure is the result. To put it plainly, if the college man cannot appreciate an item without being pushed against it, he had better keep away from newspaper service.

There is nothing that so clearly marks the usefulness of a reporter than a keenly developed receptive faculty. It is well to take the reporter as an example, for what he brings to his paper is largely the basis of its success. The writing editor may think otherwise, but what he does is simply comment and conclusion from facts the reporter has obtained. It is not rare that the resources of the latter obtained in college study serve a better purpose in leading public opinion, than the measured sentences of the writing editor. One, the reporter, is in daily contact with the public; the other, as a rule, is not. For instance, there is much said in interviews with politicians and high officials that never reaches expression in cold type. What does, often lacks the force which the expurgated sayings would give it. The editorial is written on the line of what is expressed, and generally saves the politician or high official from lynching. The reporter thus frequently knows what from the world is hidden. Nor is it valueless to him, with command of wide vocabulary and trained method of thought. If he has aptitude for his profession, he can make the information useful in quickly reaching the bottom of things that would otherwise require severe and often fruitless labor.

But that is only one phase of the work for which young men think themselves adapted. A great essential is to know news, and another

essential, equally as great, is to know how to utilize it. They can never be obtained along with the classics, science and mathematics. They are with the young man when he takes his first assignment. If not, the best thing he can do is to follow the course of a misguided youth who, after a week or two's reporting three or four line police matter, fell over a murder. He went to the scene of the tragedy, and reported by telephone that he had found the place, the body and the murderer. But he said he could get no facts. His telephone was rung off, and two other reporters went out to do what the new man could not. The new man never came back to the office.

There is a tendency now-a-days to make as many departments of newspaper work as the patrons of a paper will stand or demand. It is not as it was twenty-five years ago, when excellence in reporting a sermon meant equal excellence in writing a scandal or describing a prize fight. Departments call for specialists, and they are usually not worth anything outside of the work to which they give their time. They can, with degrees of merit, perform other work; but the base-ball editor, the amusement editor, the religious editor, the scientific editor, and so on through the muster roll of a modern office, base their worth upon what they are employed to do. The college man in these departments and all others, has the advantage over those who have not enjoyed his privileges. But even he, if he can adjust himself to all requirements of newspaper service and meet them with readiness of pen and thought, is more sought after than the specialist. He will be in demand, and any newspaper will be glad to secure him.

There are fields open to young aspirants that will aid materially in bringing them their desires, if they only take the care to go over them. Every locality has a story; every man or woman, every event a value. To reach them and bring out their spirit in forcible English and choice phrase, is an art. The copy will always find consideration from the editor. He may not use it, but the chances are that another will, so in time the opening for a place on a newspaper will come. Then the drudgery of the profession begins, with the relentless rule "the survival of the fittest," constantly hanging over it. If the novice fails, it is because the rule will not allow him to succeed. His college training has given him a fine equipment, but not that adaptability which experience alone can measure.

WILLIAM A. WILKINS, *Xi*, '67.

II.

Special Writers.

“What is your specialty?”

It was the first inquiry when I spoke to one of the best known journalists of New York about resuming my profession in the metropolis. It set me to thinking. All professions now run in special ruts. When you have a law case, you go to a lawyer who makes that class of cases a specialty. If you are ill, you turn to the physician who is expert in such ailments. And so on through nearly all the phases of business life. Modern journalism is divided into many branches. Reference is here made only to the higher walks of journalistic life. Only the country editor is supposed to know everything, and be able to do anything. On the metropolitan press, the whole fabric rests upon special writing and specialists. Good all-round newspaper men are as rare as good stock actors, and both are becoming more rare every year. The same, for that matter, is true of the trades. The shoemaker of to-day knows how to make but a single part of a shoe; the machinist makes but a single bolt or nut; the tailor makes only a certain part of what you wear,—from a dozen to a hundred others making and finishing the other parts. And I am not prepared to say that this is not for the general betterment of mankind. In the universal scramble for fame and wealth, no one man can spread his energies and intellect over a multiplicity of things, and hope to successfully compete with the man who devotes himself and his life to one thing. This fact should be impressed on the young men of the country early and continuously. The question of taste and family circumstances may decide the profession the collegiate elects to follow; but, that point having been settled, he should early decide for himself what particular branch of that profession he will make his specialty. Adaptability often fixes that before he quite understands himself. Sometimes his lot is cast by accident, or circumstances beyond his control. I remember, at college, the favorite topic among the young fellows was what each was going to do when he got out. In most cases the plans for their future were laid by others, parents or guardians. In many—alas, how many!—these plans were greatly modified or went by the board altogether. The journalistic field is largely occupied by those who started out with wholly different views of business life. The college man in journalism, as a deliberately original intuition, is but a comparatively recent addition to the profession. Formerly he was an accident. But the rewards of journalism in this country are now such as to attract educated young men, the same as they are drawn by law and medicine. The demand for a higher grade of scholarship and natural ability has

also steadily grown. Everything else being equal, the college man gets first at the top. There is plenty of room at the top in journalism, and ample reward for the long-sustained effort to get there.

About the manner of beginning your career this paper has nothing to do. I start on the presumption that you have already chosen and entered upon the profession. You find at once that journalism is not a mere question of writing things to be printed. You have had the blue pencil of the editor wiping out page after page of laboriously constructed manuscript, and felt that it cuts to the quick at every scratch. The man who wields this instrument of torture to embryo journalists, is probably one who has come up from the "case," and never went to any other school worth mentioning. This may make it the more galling. But the blue pencil is master, and the men who control have won the right by practical experience and superior judgment. They may not always know what you know, but they understand what is suitable, and how much space to give your topic. After wallowing in this slough of despond for some time, and witnessing the ease with which your brother reporters get their "stuff" together, and how much space they have made at the end of every week, you may come to the natural but erroneous conclusion that your college education has been wasted on you, so far as daily newspaper work is concerned. You also learn, about the same time, that this work is not at all the simple thing you imagined, but the application of a complex system, the exact and entire ramifications of which cannot be readily grasped. You begin to get acquainted with the specialists of the city editor's staff. The fat assignments go to certain people who appear to be peculiarly adapted to the particular work required. Perhaps some blue pencil man first discovered what these men could do best, and kept them at it, until finally, before they knew it themselves, they became specialists. So he will in time discover what you can best do when you have developed. If you have a vivid imagination and a keen perception of dramatic situation, besides being blessed with a forcible style, you may soon blossom into a sensational writer, and get into the big murder or divorce cases. If you love sports, and have a large acquaintance with sporting men; you may turn out a good prize-fight, or race-track and base-ball man. Whatever you become, unless you choose and study up your particular field, the chances are that the man of the blue pencil will discover you first. Let us run over a few of these specialties, as represented in New York journalism, and their sub-divisions:

POLITICAL.

Local,
State,
National,
Official.

SPORTING.

Racing,
Base-Ball,
Pugilism,
Athletics.

COMMERCIAL.

Financial,
Markets,
Commerce,
Railways

CRIMINAL.

Murders, Robberies,
Mysteries,
Police.

LEGAL.

Court Work,
Civil Cases,
Decisions, etc.

SOCIETY.

Balls, Parties,
Fashions,
Gossip.

DRAMATIC.

Musical.

STENOGRAPHIC.

Court, Political Reports.

RELIGIOUS.

Churches, etc.

Descriptive Work, Sensational, Narrative (Travel), Labor and Laboring Interests, Art Criticism, Literary (Book Reviews, Stories, Selected Matter), Telegraphic (Handling Telegraph News by Wire), Exchanges, Proof, Business Office.

I do not assume to be exact in this classification, but it covers pretty nearly everything involving specialties. The minor sub-divisions of labor into which those already given are actually divided by great newspapers, will not make clearer the wide range here laid down for the young man entering journalism. I have left the editorial field untouched. Every branch has its editors, and they are usually from the ranks—men who excelled in their specialties and possess the requisite executive ability in addition. The most valuable man about a newspaper office is not represented in the above classification; the man who can, with unerring judgment, condense or “boil down” two columns into one, a column to a couple of sticksful, without throwing away the meat of the matter. He saves thousands to his employers, and contributes more to the successful newspaper than the best writers who can be hired. Yet he is usually disguised in an exchange or night editor, or some poorly paid drudge, who handles telegraph. The man who can tell at a glance how much space any subject ought to have, relatively with all the other subjects, will run a close second as to personal value to the office. The first is the “cast-iron man,” the second the genius of the paper. You notice I put the obscure “cast-iron man” first.

The most delightful specialty on the big daily is the description of “fancy-work.” Of course, the ability to do such work must be possessed by various other specialists, but the really excellent general descriptive writer need have no other particular line. He does all sorts of things, and is sent on all sorts of commissions. It may be to do the “gilt-edged work” of a national convention; to attend famous trials and give the introductory articles; to re-enforce the staff correspondents at Washington, or the State capital on great occasions; to go anywhere where a subject, in which the general public is more than usually interested, suddenly comes uppermost, and where word-painting of a dramatic cast, or glowing narrative is required. His matter will take precedence, and will be leaded, and sometimes double-leaded. The other fellows follow in solid type. He has written from sight; they have had to rush around for facts. There is fame to the descriptive writer, which must not be

overlooked. When he is away from home he is alluded to as "distinguished correspondent," and is further designated and set aside as a "journalist," whereas the other fellows are only "newspaper men." His dispatches are headed, "From our Staff Correspondent." Sometimes he is known as "Our Commissioner." He probably deserves all he gets, including the occasional mention by name in editorial columns. For such a man must not be merely a clever writer—he must be a gentleman, a scholar, a thinker, a man of ideas, a man of almost universal information, and of wide experience of men and things. He is worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. Those who combine good descriptive powers, with other lines of special work, have a great advantage. In emergency they come out strong.

The college man usually has great difficulty in suppressing his knowledge, and the man of ideas and opinions is frequently hampered with them, but the blue pencil man will wring these faults out of you, or "break" you. Don't be discouraged if he declines to let you change the policy of the paper. Devote yourself to some particular specialty. Learn it thoroughly. Make yourself an authority on that particular thing, not neglecting other things. But master one branch of work. Then you will be called to the journal that pays the best, and when your legs are worn out, will probably be engaged in running the blue pencil through the work of other men, very likely wondering the while how they can be so stupid.

CHAS. T. MURRAY, Lambda, '69.

III.

Provincial Journalism.

"I wish no other herald,
No other speaker of my living actions,
To keep mine honor from corruption,
But such an honest chronicler."

—*Henry VIII.*

The following points have been suggested as the scope of a brief article on the "College Man in Journalism," limiting the application to the newspapers of the smaller cities and towns, which practically means provincial journalism: (1) What advantages does it present as a vocation for young men? (2) Is a knowledge of practical printing necessary? (3) What qualifications are peculiarly necessary to success, and what studies in college best prepare students for its duties? (4) What chances does it afford for political preferment; and remarks incidental to the subject? For the sake of brevity I will treat each proposition in its order:

(1) Under our American institutions of broad and progressive civilization and enlightenment, popular education and democratic rule, the press is certainly one of the most potent factors in society. It is co-ordinate with all agencies for educational advancement and material progress. But it leaves the schools and colleges within their walls working in circumscribed limits, and takes up the missionary educational work, diffusing intelligence among the masses, unfettered by creeds, color or caste. One of the world's greatest orators has pronounced it "a fearful truth," that the millions have no literature, no school, and almost no pulpit but the press; that it is parent, school, college, pulpit, theater, example, counsellor all in one, and adds, "allow me to make the newspapers and I care not who makes the religion and the laws." "Great is journalism," said Carlyle, "for is not every editor a ruler of the world, being a persuader of it." As the medium between the state and the sovereign voter, it shapes civil governments by its guidance of the people.

Now, this great power of journalism belongs in a greater degree to the provincial than to the metropolitan newspaper, because of the nearness of the former to the people. Between the country or provincial editor and the reader there exists an intimate relationship born of personal acquaintance and interchange of ideas on questions of public import—an advantage never enjoyed by the metropolitan journalist, who rarely, if ever, lays his hand on the public pulse.

What young collegian could pass lightly by a profession so powerful, so ennobling, so useful! If he would make a lasting impress upon his day and generation, what more inviting field is presented in all the range of human activity? It makes him a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations through the influence he may exert with the people. It is the weapon to encompass the very reforms that tinge with a halo the dreams of every ambitious student. Financially it affords an average incentive for the efforts of the young man of limited or no means, for in this respect a revolution has been wrought in a decade past. The destitution and necessities of the country editor in times past have been proverbial, but no foundation in fact now exists for such puns. In recent years provincial journalism has been very generally established on a firm business basis, as are other pursuits. Newspaper plants at county seats have come to be regarded by investors as fairly remunerative. Instead of an "army press" and a job lot of "sorts," constituting an "office" as formerly, it is not unusual to find in cities, of from 10,000 to 20,000 population, newspapers housed in their own handsome buildings, thoroughly equipped with fine modern power presses and material, constituting a property worth from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

(2) Conceding, as we must, that a knowledge of practical printing is a desideratum, it is not absolutely necessary. If it were, the first duty of a novitiate journalist would be to learn type-setting. Experience and observation have shown that after a dozen years active service as successful editors, proprietors or publishers, they may not have acquired even the rudiments of the compositor's art. The other departments of business and editorial management are enough to engross his time from fourteen to sixteen hours each day, and competent typesetters and pressmen can always be had to do the mechanical work.

(3) It were vain to attempt to define the qualifications necessary for a journalist. If he knew all things he would be best suited to the task. If he were merely a specialist with Solomon's wisdom in it, he would be a failure. If not a cosmopolite in the world of letters, experience will make him feel at least that he needs to cope with the clergyman in theology; the lawyer in jurisprudence; the physician in *materia medica*; the savant in science, and the "bum" in politics. Journalism is the school of the world. A complete classical course in college is not too much if one has the time and means to procure it. A knowledge of ancient and modern literature might be regarded as essential, although many succeed without any collegiate training at all. A well trained mind and a large store of historical knowledge is a rich and always ready treasury for the young journalist to draw upon.

(4) The opportunities of a journalist for political preferment have always been considered excellent. My own observation, however, is that when he yields to the blandishments of office-seeking, he reduces very materially his chances of success in journalism. In the matter of honor and independence we should prefer the position of the editor to the official; in the matter of emoluments, a well conducted and carefully managed newspaper ought to be as lucrative as a county office, considering the expense and annoyance of a political campaign. The journalist is in a position to seize opportunities to run for office, but this presupposes the prostitution of his paper to a selfish purpose, which degrades and takes away its honorable character for public usefulness.

In conclusion, let me add a few words as to the almost sacred responsibility that rests upon the provincial journalist. He is often times made the confidante of some one in distress; he listens to the appeals of those who would keep from the public the story of disgrace that has fallen upon themselves or their friends; and still oftener comes the vile slanderer who would use the paper to vilify and defame others better than themselves. To maintain a position of truthfulness; to keep your columns pure; to be absolutely fair and impartial—these are some of the grave duties that devolve upon the country editor. It

should, and no doubt does, cause the conscientious editor to write with his "heart in his pen," and to constantly seek to follow in his daily work the precious precept contained in the Golden Rule.

ROYAL E. PURCELL, Chi, '74.

IV.

The Collegian—A Journalistic Artist.

About ten years ago, the *New York World*, by way of experiment, adopted illustrating. At the time there were many who regarded the project with apprehension. Its practicability was questioned, and the belief was general that the *World* was transgressing into a field apart from that of legitimate journalism. This was due to the long existent conviction that the art of illustrating was indissolubly and irrevocably an adjunct of magazines and comic sheets. After a series of disappointments in the selection of the best methods to be employed to secure good results, the success of the innovation grew more apparent, and its practicability became more established. Five years, however, witnessed but little improvement over the first efforts of the *World*. Either the artist lacked the self-confidence to attempt anything more ambitious than mere outlines, or else he was restrained by the inefficiency of the method in use.

In the five years after the inauguration of newspaper illustration, but few papers adopted it in conjunction with the regular literary work. This was the tertiary age of pictorial journalistic art, when the benign countenance of Lydia E. Pinkham and a Pears' soap advertisement marked the usual extent to which newspapers would indulge in artistic embellishments. It was at this time that the invidious wood cut flourished in all its garish crudity.

Another step was accomplished in time. This was the introduction of what is known as the chalk-plate process. A metal sheet, uniformly covered to the thickness of a sixteenth of an inch by a coat of chalk, is the first requisite. By means of sharp pointed needles the artist scratches his picture through the chalk and exposes the metal plate beneath. The chalk-plate, when completed, is placed within a mold and melted metal poured upon it. Where the liquid penetrated to the uncovered portions of the metal, is formed the printing surface of the cut. This process, though still used extensively by smaller journals, is difficult to work on, in that every line has necessarily to be exposed continuously, else the print will result badly. If a line be made incorrectly, there is no remedy, unless a new plate could be secured. Yet this method was once in a

proud ascendancy on large newspapers. It insidiously supplanted the familiar and geometrically correct wood cut. The public were treated to a revival in art. It was in the palmy days of the chalk-plate that one cut would consecutively represent the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Judge Tuley, Billy the Tough and Oliver Wendell Holmes. The news-reading and art-loving public were thrilled with glad surprises every time a favorite stock cut would make its appearance in a new role. Gradually, as dynasties totter and monarchies decay, the influence of the chalk-plate grew less and less strong. Papers that could afford to have a plant to prepare zinc etchings, discarded the older methods and adopted the new.

All large newspapers now have well equipped laboratories devoted to the preparation of photo-engravings or zinc etchings. Necessary to this process are required, beside the artists, a photographer and an etcher. The course that a drawing is obliged to take before it becomes a cut, is quite as devious as that of a legislative bill before it becomes a law. After the picture has been clearly drawn with black ink upon white card-board, it is photographed on a heavy glass negative. The film of this negative is then hardened by a chemical solution, taken from the glass and placed on a perfectly smooth sheet of zinc the required size. The zinc is then exposed to a very strong electric light, and the lines of the film picture transferred to the sheet. The latter is then subjected to the action of nitric acid, and the spaces in and around the impervious lines eaten away. The final operation is the mounting of the zinc sheet upon a leaden base. The cut is then ready for the press.

This process of photo-engraving is signally adapted to the requirements of newspaper work, on account of the short length of time required in its preparation. The time required is rarely over two or three hours ; and a cut has been known to pass through the intricate stages of development to completion in thirty-five minutes. To the uninitiated there has always been a certain mystery as to how newspapers can have a long article profusely illustrative of events which occurred only the day previous to publication. A consideration of the time expended in making the cuts by the photo-zinc process, dispel the mysticism. In instances of the kind cited above, there is oftentimes an introduction of artifice on the part of the draughtsman. He resorts to preception. When it was known that Cleveland would arrive in Chicago in 1887, the program arranged for his stay was ascertained, and illustrations made weeks before the president arrived. Scenes at the train, hotel, theater, and in the street parade were prepared. It required but little imagination to picture a gayly bedecked train standing in the depot surrounded by hosts of people waving hats and canes, in greeting of a large and corpulent man who was just descending the steps of a palace car. Following the

president could be seen. In the general maze the features of Mr. Lamont, and other familiar faces, were visible. If something occurs to change the general aspect of the occasion, only those who were eye witnesses would ever be aware of the deception. In like manner were other pictures prepared.

Since the inception of pictorial work in journals there has been a constant and increasing demand for artists. Every week, old and well-established papers which have retained a conservative policy regarding the addition of illustrated matter to their columns, throw aside their doubts and join the multiplying list of progressive journals. The demand for capable artists already greatly exceeds the supply. Certain requisites for an artist to acquire in order to be a successful illustrator, are found by many men to be too difficult to master, even though their skill in other departments of art be unquestionable.

Perspicuity, if I may presume to use a word that is hardly applicable to drawing, is a fundamental requirement. It is this primary element that many designers fail to grasp. The tendency to elaborate in their work is so great that the picture's effectiveness is lost in a confusing mass of unnecessary detail. Where the press of a paper prints slowly, this is more permissible, but when the work is done rapidly, as on the big metropolitan dailies, the result is distracting. Another essential is to make all the lines of a drawing bold and unbroken. The peculiar etchy effect, as seen in drawings used by magazines, is entirely worthless when applied to a picture destined to appear in a newspaper. In one it appears artistic; in the other, blurred and indefinite. The artist must command a fair idea of all general rules of drawing, such as of perspective and light and shade. He must be imaginative and should have the ability to draw figures well. Having command of these principal constituents of art, he can in time be adequate to handle the run of journalistic assignments. Though crude at first, his work will be developed by the practical instruction he gains in being continually confronted with the results of his work.

There are many young men who possess undoubted talent in pictorial representation, but lack the practice necessary to develop it. To those who have these rudiments of skill, the best course would be to take advantage of every opportunity to improve their work. Exercise the power to rapidly sketch any little incidents that you may see, and where practicable, draw from models. The advisability of this becomes apparent when in active pursuit of professional art duties you find it necessary to obtain pictures of buildings, crowds, interior scenes and portraits. As the greater portion of drawings represent familiar types seen in everyday life, the cultivation of the resources at the command of the

amateur is one of the most beneficial preparatory courses he can adopt.

The day of the long-haired artist, with sentimental mein, is gone—at least as regards the newspaper artist. He is frequently called upon to exhibit a display of calm and brazen “nerve” that would be wholly incompatible with a morbidly sensitive nature. To one imbued with the latter, the necessity of requesting from a strange lady a copy of her photograph, or the privilege to sketch the interior of her boudoir, would awaken all the rebellious element of his chivalrous spirit.

There exists, perhaps, in every one deliberating the practicability of adopting newspaper illustrating as a means of financial benefit, a curiosity as to what salary an artist commands. Their remuneration depends, of course, greatly upon their talent. A fair artist receives about \$1,000 or \$1,200 a year, and as he improves, generally can get \$2,000, or even \$3,000. Any one not worth the first figure can hardly secure a position. Baron de Grimm, of the *New York World*, is a \$10,000 man. The salary paid to newspaper artists exceeds that of reporters, and often even that of the editor. In selecting that profession, then, there is quite as much to stimulate one's efforts as in choosing any other. In addition to his regular salary, an artist on a large newspaper is vested with privileges that form an inducement but slightly secondary to his salary.

JOHN T. McCUTCHEON, Delta Delta, '89.

Editorial.

ALUMNI ACTIVITY.

It will be a source of great pleasure to the fraternity to read in this issue of the very successful meetings and banquets held by the Washington and New York Alumni. Sigma Chi is now thoroughly aroused in these two Eastern cities, and we believe that it will be but a short time until the Philadelphia, and perhaps the Baltimore members of the fraternity, follow these worthy examples. Philadelphia was the seat of chapters at the University of Pennsylvania and the Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania, and besides containing many alumni of these two chapters, is blessed with representatives of every Pennsylvania and many Western chapters. There is an abundance of material for a splendid alumni organization. Who will initiate the movement? Assistance will be given by the Washington and New York chapters. They have commenced not only to meet and enjoy reminiscences of fraternity life, but *to do something to advance the interests of the fraternity*. The presence of Brothers Fendall, Farnham and Ewing of Washington at the organization of the New York Alumni Chapter is indicative of the interest which the alumni feel in the work of the fraternity, not only in their own cities, but wherever their efforts are needed. Join hands with us, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, and all other cities where Sigma Chi is well represented, and let us make this a year celebrated in the annals of the fraternity for the organization and revival of alumni chapters.

The most practical suggestion for the permanence and value of our alumni chapters is that proposed by Dr. Scratchley to the New York Alumni; namely, to secure a few members who will unite in renting a house to be used not only as a home for themselves, but as a rendezvous for all Sigma Chis in and around New York. This will be the nucleus of a good club, and it is hoped that Dr. Scratchley will meet with hearty coöperation from the alumni. The Grand Tribune has been making some inquiries upon the same line among the Chicago alumni, and believes that before many months some of the Chicago Sigs will be keeping open house to their fraternity friends. Clubs of young men in cities have proven this method of living to be no more expensive and far preferable to boarding. If Sigma Chi can prove it to be a desirable way for her members to live, by a practical test, the development of the "home" into a "club" will be a very simple evolution.

THE CATALOGUE.

THE last index of the Catalogue, and the general history of the fraternity, are the only parts of the book yet to be printed. By the time that these lines reach the reader, both the index and the history will have been completed and sent to join the rest of the book at the binder's. As the binding can be done within two weeks, the editors confidently expect to have the Catalogue in the hands of subscribers by the latter part of June.

 PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES.

THE Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for April opens with a portrait and sketch of the life of the late Col. G. F. Chester, who died at San Mateo, Florida, last December. Col. Chester is recognized by $\Delta K E$ as responsible more than any other man for the founding of the fraternity, and this extended notice of his life will be therefore of especial educational and historical value. Later numbers of the Delta Upsilon and Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterlies* also contain portraits and sketches of prominent alumni. The system is a good one, and especially praiseworthy because the living as well as the dead have been included in these biographies. The Greek letter fraternities can never be accused of a lack of appreciation of the men who have labored to advance their interests or whose lives have reflected credit on them. Republics may be ungrateful, but fraternities are not. They love to honor the men who honor them. While with true human instinct they are apt to honor highest the men whose success in life has been the most conspicuous, they are still ready to eulogize sturdy manhood, noble character and innate genius, whether it be found in high official station or in the more modest walks of life—which after all contain many men whose private virtues far outshine the blandishments of office and of fame.

The purpose which should be paramount in the publication of the biographies of alumni should not be the desire to swell the fame of some man whose name is already national in its acquaintance, but rather to familiarize the members of the fraternity with the character and life-work of its noblest specimens of manhood, who have been at the same time its most devoted adherents. The strong attachment which the late Wm. M. Bross of Chicago had for Delta Upsilon is of more honor to that fraternity than would be the names of a dozen Presidents of the United States who had less of real worth, and interest in Delta Upsilon; and while a great State mourns the loss of her ex-Lieutenant Governor, and a great City the loss of a patriarch in journalism, no tribute of

respect is more worthy of the man than the portrait and sketch of his life, which the last number of the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* gave.

We are especially pleased to be able to give in this issue of the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY a portrait and biography of an alumnus who is not only one of the most learned and successful lawyers of the great metropolis, and one of the largest patrons of higher educational institutions, but who is at the same time interested to an unusual degree in the welfare of the fraternity. The election of Hon. Chauncey B. Ripley to the highest office in the gift of our New York Alumni is a fitting tribute to his worth as a man and his zeal as a Sigma Chi.

THE NEXT BIENNIAL CONVENTION.

As will be noticed in the account of the Meeting and Banquet of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter, in this issue, a cordial invitation has been extended to the fraternity to hold the next Biennial Convention in Washington. The Grand Triumvirs are so pleased with this manifestation of loyalty on the part of this, the most active of our alumni chapters, that they will probably recommend to the Grand Council the acceptance of the invitation. On account of the extreme heat and the absence of many of the local alumni from Washington, the Convention can not be held during the Summer Vacation. This would be the most convenient time for the active members, no doubt, but it is believed that a full representation can be secured if the Convention is held during Thanksgiving week, since most of our colleges grant several holidays at that time. Washington seems to be the choice of a majority of the chapters, and will draw a larger number of active members, in all probability, than any other place in the Union.

The Grand Triumvirs have been loath to relinquish the idea of holding the Convention at White Sulphur Springs in August, especially in view of the interest taken in this project by Grand Prætor Hooper and other Virginia alumni and active members. We hope, however, to meet all the Virginia boys in Washington next November if the Grand Council finally decide upon that city and that time.

Reviews.

THE DELTA DELTA SOUVENIR.

ONE of the handsomest college annuals that we have seen is the "Souvenir," published by the Delta Delta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of Purdue University. It is a book of some two hundred and ten pages, bound in cloth, two-thirds red and one-third white, with gilt top, and rough edges, making in all a very stylish and attractive exterior. The interior is even more inviting—containing articles descriptive of the progress of the University, of the work done in its different departments, and of the social life of the students. Most of the literary work is to be credited to Mr. George Ade, Ex-Grand Prætor of the Fourth Province, who graduated at Purdue University in 1887. The art work of the book, which is unusually excellent, was done by Mr. H. H. Vinton, Delta Delta, '85, and Mr. John T. McCutcheon, Delta Delta, '89. Mr. McCutcheon is at the present time on the art staff of the *Chicago Daily News*, and contributes a very readable paper to the Symposium on "The College Man in Journalism," in this issue of the QUARTERLY. Mr. Horace Taylor, Kappa Kappa, '87, of the *Chicago Herald*, and other artists, also furnished tasteful and original sketches for the Souvenir. The photo-gravures of the book are numerous and unexceptionally good.

We know of no single chapter of any fraternity which has ever had the talent and college spirit to publish, on its own responsibility, so creditable a volume as the Souvenir. The Editor-in-Chief, F. Paul Anderson; the Literary Editor, J. M. Dresser; the Business Manager, C. Russ Richards, and the other active members of Delta Delta, are to be congratulated on the honor which they and the alumni named, have brought upon the fraternity.

Chapter Letters.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

The third term opened with a full attendance April 9. Almost all the students of last term returned, and a very few new ones entered. Among those who did not come back was Bro. Ed. Taylor, '91, who will be with his father, Dr. A. A. E. Taylor, editor of the *St. Louis Mid-Continent*, until Fall at least. We hope, however, to have him with us again next Fall. If we were unfortunate in having a man among the few leaving, we were equally fortunate in gaining another among the new students. Bro. L. B. Frazier, Gamma, has cast his lot with '93 here, and made such a reputation for scholarship by his recitations the first day he entered, that Beta received him into her studious fold with great rejoicing. The last term was marked by nothing unusual in inter-frat. life, except the Annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet on February 28. The occasion was a very enjoyable one, and added greatly to the spirit of harmony prevailing between the various frats. Bro. J. L. Prestley toasted "The Ladies" on behalf of Sigma Chi, and having an appropriate subject, did it full justice.

The most brilliant social event of the season, was the observation and dancing party given the Chapter by Mrs. Prestley on the evening of March 6. A large number of friends from the city and from other fraternities were present, and enjoyed to the greatest extent with us the hospitality of Mrs. Prestley.

Dr. Black, the professor of Greek, has been compelled through ill health to retire from teaching for the remainder of the year, and his place is now being filled by Prof. J. S. Nicholls. The position of Musical Director, made vacant by the death of Prof. Merz, has not yet been permanently filled, Prof. Eugene C. Heffley having temporary charge of that department. There are rumors of several changes in the faculty at the close of the year, but as yet only rumors.

The athletic season promises to be a most interesting one. An inter-collegiate athletic association has been formed, with Wooster, Ohio State, Denison, Kenyon and Buchtel composing it. A schedule has been arranged for the base-ball games, each college having eight games, Wooster's first game being with Buchtel at Akron, April 26. While we are not as confident of taking first place as we would have been last year, still we hope to be in at the death. A tennis tournament is to be held at Columbus, June 14, under the auspices of the association, and the Inter-College Field Day will be held here May 23. *The Index*, the college annual, is nearly ready for publication, and promises to exceed any previous issue.

AYLETTE FULLERTON.

GAMMA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Added experience brings increased confidence to the members of Gamma Chapter. Two years of patient effort have done their work, and Sigma Chi is back in her old place in the Ohio Wesleyan University. This year has brought us a succession of successes, and we look backward with satisfaction.

Since our last communication we have initiated two men—Bro. W. G. Vorpe, '93, of Kenton, Ohio, and Bro. R. D. Beale, '93, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio. We now number eight men, with enough pledges to insure a strong working force next year. Three Seniors will leave us at this Commencement—Bros. Hughes and Criswell, who were charter members of this chapter, and Bro. Smith who was initiated last year.

We have taken the initial step toward a chapter house plan, which we expect to present to our Alumni in a short time. *The Bijou*, our regular college annual, promises to be an improvement upon any previous one, and we should be pleased to exchange with our sister chapters.

S. B. QUEAL.

ZETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The greatest step our University has made lately in the way of improvements, is the erection of a well-equipped gymnasium, which is being thoroughly enjoyed by all of the students.

We were represented, at the Annual Intermediate Celebration of the Graham-Lee Society, by Bro. Hobbs, who was the orator of the occasion. He gave us a very interesting discourse on "The American Newspaper." He described the modest little sheet as it first appeared in Boston, then carried it on its prosperous road until its pinions being loosed for its dizzy flight, it finally reached the vortex of its glory; then he very pathetically told the story of its fall, until it reached the newspaper of the present day. As he sank down in his well-cushioned chair, the music struck up "Listen to my Tale of Woe," and the audience was dismissed, very much pleased and in every way benefitted by his able and eloquent oration.

We have not taken in any "goats" since the beginning of the session. The only news in the fraternity world here is the recent establishment of $\Delta T \Omega$, which opened this year with a very good chapter of five.

Zeta has her share of the honors of the University. Bro. Hobbs will be the only one to graduate this year. Bro. Peck is the Final President of the Graham-Lee Society. Bro. Marshall is the Captain and Manager of the base-ball nine, and the moving spirit of our athletic association in all of its departments.

We are very much pleased that the Annual Convention will be held near us this year, and we are making every effort to be fully represented, as we deem it necessary for the growth and prosperity of our chapter, to say nothing of the pleasure it will give the delegates to meet and shake the hands of their brother Sigs both near and far.

We are glad to welcome in our midst Bro. Ricks, of Alpha Tau, '89, who is practicing law at Buena Vista, a thriving town about eight miles from us. He has Zeta's best wishes for success and happiness.

R. E. LEE, JR.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Spring term of the University opened very favorably; the boys passed their examinations satisfactorily; the wearers of the White Cross especially did themselves credit, Bros. Brougher and Glover making honor marks in law; the one, third with 96, the other, second with 98. Holmes, of the Senior; Vineyard, of the Junior; Huddleston, of the Sophomore, were among the first; while Taylor, of the Freshman was first. Several new students have entered, but we have not yet decided on any of them except one who came here from Bingham's School, N. C., Hampton M. Sullivan, Jr., of Oxford, Miss., a bright, prepossessing fellow, of the very highest social standing. His father and two uncles were Delta Psi's of this chapter, and they looked upon him as their very own. Such a family influence was brought to bear upon him, that while we extended to him the invitation to join Sigma Chi, we had but little hope; and one of our brothers, a good friend of his, told him that perhaps he had better unite with his father's club; but he preferred Sigma Chi from the first, and was initiated at our last meeting. Just after writing our last letter, the Phi Sigma Society held her trial debate for places to contest at Commencement for the the Senior Medal. Contestants were a ΣX , $\Delta K E$, $\Delta \Psi$, and $\Phi K \Psi$. The places were won by T. L. Ross, $\Delta K E$, and E. E. Brougher, ΣX , thus giving us a chance for both Senior medals at Com-

menecement. At the ast election of officers in Phi Sigma, Bro. Jones was chosen President, without opposition, and Bro. Walter Malone was elected for Honorary President to preside at the Annual Meeting.

This is Circuit Court week and Sigma Chi is well represented in Court. Captain Thos. Spight, District Attorney; W. E. Andrews, Clerk of the Court; W. A. Roane, Attorney-at-Law, and three law students attending court. The Judge appointed Bros. Brougher and Glover on the defence in three cases, and they, with the assistance of the District Attorney, were successful in securing convictions in each case. To-morrow is Hermesman's anniversary, and we expect Bro. Malone from Memphis to night. The new library for the University is about complete, and is being prepared for occupation. It cost \$15,000, and is a beautiful building, which is a decided ornament to the campus. The Gymnasium has been completely renovated, repaired, painted and furnished with new appliances, so we no longer have an excuse for neglecting physical culture. Eta's sons are, most of them, above the average in this respect. The Delta Psi's will be ready to go into their new Chapter-House about Commencement. They are the first here to build, but think several other chapters will follow their example soon.

E. E. BROUGHER.

THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Since the last chapter letter was written, Theta has lost one of her young alumni by death in the person of John P. Benedict, class of 1889. He died in Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 27th of March, from hemorrhage of the lungs. He had been suffering from this trouble for some time, but his taking off was sudden. He showed his interest in the chapter house project by a liberal subscription, and by his death the chapter loses an enthusiastic member.

Base-ball now engages the attention of the enthusiasts. The team has been organized and better provision has been made for it than ever before. Theta lost her large representation of last year by the graduation of three members; but Bro. Garnet Gehr is the manager of the team and will play second base. We expect to see the brothers of Omicron when our team meets Dickinson.

Tennis is becoming a popular sport. Nearly all the chapters have private courts, which are in use every fair day. Theta has the privilege of Bro. McPherson's fine court, which can not be excelled. A tournament will be held in the near future to determine the champion of the college.

The improvements undertaken by the Board of Trustees during the past two years are nearly completed. The new building, costing over \$80,000, is completed; the Brua Memorial Chapel, costing \$20,000, will be finished by Commencement; the new Laboratory is ready for occupancy; the repairs to the old building are completed, and the gymnasium will be ready for use by the beginning of the next term. Already an impetus has been given to athletics, and there is a movement on foot to have a field day at Commencement. It is proposed to have eighteen events, and up to date there have been about sixty entries. The Faculty is becoming more liberal toward the sports, and they have actually changed the hour for recitations in the afternoon from three to four o'clock, so that the team may have the hours for practice.

During the last term we initiated Christian F. Lindauer, of Baltimore, and we take pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity at large. He will enter the Freshman class next year.

J. B. MCPHERSON.

LAMBDA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The Sigs at Lambda are now eighteen in number; and, as a general rule, we are not outnumbered by rivals, so we have no cause to complain. We have no new victories to announce this time, but as to honors, we can say that in the local Oratorical Contest we, as usual, took first place.

To those who look upon victory in college contests as the chief aim of fraternity life we will not appear deficient, especially if the contests are of a literary nature. Friendship and brotherly love is our standard, however, and these we have unalloyed, and we consider them the greatest achievement we can announce.

Athletics are thriving this glorious Spring weather. We soon play our first game in the Inter-Collegiate State League, and of course are sincerely hoping for the best.

There has been no spirited spiking so far this term, probably not much agreeable material to make Greeks. In fraternity life it is a pleasure to get every man you try to get; and the Lambda Sigs are not behind any one when it comes to a fair and open fight, but if one's competitors are dishonorable a greater part of the pleasure is lost. Our motto in that respect is, "A fair, open fight, and the best frat. wins," and not something of the style "The means justifies the end." There may be "honor among thieves," but the frat. that spikes on the last motto has no claim whatever on the last quality.

Lambda has some good news for the general fraternity. A piano in the hall is almost a thing of certainty, and if such be sure, it will undoubtedly be a valuable addition to our hall and will help us both socially and fraternally. Our Alumni have been generous as far as we have asked, and we hope to have many of them with us before the close of the college year.

BYARD WRIGHT.

MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

After a week's vacation the last of March, we are started on the last term of the year. Fortunately life has been very quiet since our last letter. There have been no initiates, no fraternity contests, and the best of harmony has prevailed among the Greeks. For the last four years there has been a revival of class spirit, and in a small college like ours, class spirit neutralizes bitter fraternity rivalry. This seems at times a disadvantage to the fraternities, for competition is the life of them as well as of trade. One of the noticeable features of college life this year, and a strange one to our alumni, is the good fellowship existing among the members of all the fraternities. This is doubtless owing to the quietness of the "rushing" season and to the other cause mentioned above. But however it comes, it seems a move in the right direction. It cannot be denied that there are first-class men in all the fraternities, and membership in a fraternity ought not to be a barrier in the way of their associating with one another.

The Catalogue of the college was issued about the first of April. Some changes and improvements were introduced, making a very attractive annual. The roll of students in collegiate and academic departments includes about two hundred and twenty-five, nearly the same as last year. The annual Bulletin of the Scientific Department also appeared about the same time. Some very interesting and instructive articles have been contributed, and the Bulletin is a publication of which the college may justly feel proud.

The Commencement exercises promise to be very interesting this year. Twelve men will receive diplomas. A plan has been adopted for choosing representatives for the Commencement programme which works well here, and may be suggestive for other colleges. Four representatives of the class are chosen to appear with orations. The choice is made by electing a man from each of the fraternities and one non-frat., and so selecting them that two shall be from each of the literary societies.

Bro. Hutson, '92, was compelled by poor health to leave college at the middle of last term. His loss is deeply felt by us, as our chapter is much smaller than usual. We lose only two, Bros. Wilkinson and Chamberlin, by graduation.

Denison is one of the four colleges who founded the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association at the Springfield Convention, in February. A strong base ball nine-

has been organized, and considerable interest is being taken in the Association. We are disappointed at the giving up of the Provincial Convention which was to have met with Beta, but under the circumstances, the withdrawal of the invitation seemed necessary.

WILLIS A. CHAMBERLIN.

XI—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Xi Chapter sends a hearty greeting to all Sigs, and takes much pleasure in informing them that she has started in the third term of a very prosperous year, and that the outlook for the future is bright. We lost, at the closing of the Law School last term, three from our number; one member, Harry McMullen, graduating, and the other two, Fred P. Davis and Louie Bennett, belonging to the Junior class, who will return in September and graduate next year. Bro. Davis carried off the honors in his class by attaining the highest grades, which were taken last year by Bro. Harry McMullen. At the beginning of this term we added one to our number, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity—Fred P. Thomas, of Danville, Ind. He is a splendid young man, of good habits and very industrious; he ranks among the first in his class (Sophomore) as a student; holds a prominent position in the Military Department, and is a good musician. At a recent competitive drill for corporals in the Military Department, five Sigs, who through the kindly efforts of our "West Point man," Cassius McMullen, in training them, succeeded in getting places. We now have, in all, nine men in that department.

With the opening of Spring, DePauw has made a decided advance in athletics. An association has been formed which controls a foot-ball eleven, base-ball nine and lawn tennis club. The players for the nine have not been selected yet, but we are sure of two Sigs being chosen and perhaps more. Bro. Harry McMullen, had he returned this term, would have been catcher.

The State Oratorical Contest occurs at Indianapolis on the 11th of this month, at which time and place our next Provincial Convention takes place. Xi will be represented by at least eight men, and perhaps the entire chapter. Immediately after the Oratorical Contest, the Sigs will repair to the Grand Hotel, where an elegant banquet will be served. We all anticipate having a grand time. As is the custom, DePauw will send a man to the Oratorical this year, who will win. Mr. Will Wise, of the Junior class, and a member of the *Δ K E* fraternity, we think will be the victor this time.

The Junior annual *The Mirage*, will appear in about two weeks, and it promises to be the finest work of the kind ever gotten up at DePauw. As was said in our last letter, Xi would be pleased to exchange annuals with sister chapters.

C. LEON SMITH.

OMICRON—DICKINSON COLLEGE.

When April 1 came around this year, it found Omicron's old hall deserted and its little band of members preparing a new home for itself for the coming year. It was with many regrets that we left the old hall, around which cluster so many bright and pleasant memories, and in which so many of us were first introduced to old Sigma Chi. Yet notwithstanding the attachment for our birth-place into the fraternity we felt the need of larger and better accommodations, and accordingly have secured a handsome suite of rooms on the principal street of the city, and we are pleased to say just opposite the office of our brother Dr. S. L. Diven. Another great improvement we have made is the addition of a billiard table, the gift of Bro. W. C. Allison, Jr., of Philadelphia, which will add much to the attractiveness of the rooms. Our being able to obtain such a convenient and desirable location, together with the desire to have a hall equal to or better than any of our rival fraternities, seems to have livened

us up considerably, and given us the determination to push forward our conquests and gain still better advantages.

We have been pleased to welcome, as visitors, during the past two months, Bro. Wiseman, of Alpha Rho; Bro. Prowell, of Beta; and Bros. Millard, Swartz and Clark, of Omicron. I do not believe there is anything which does so much apparent good as little visits from brother Sigs, and especially from those who have graduated from active membership and can give us extracts from their four or five years experience in fraternity matters, so much needed at times. Our prospects for men in next year's class are exceptionally bright, and we are sure of securing four or five of them, whom always we will be proud to introduce to you all. However, we will speak more definitely of them in our next letter.

In regard to college matters, everything looks bright. The preparations going on upon the athletic field, the completion of the President's residence, and the remodeling of old Emory Chapel, where the old Reed Law School will be established in the Fall, have all taken part in the work of imparting a very lively appearance to the Campus.

As usual, Dickinson will make a hard fight in the base-ball contest this year, although she has been very much handicapped in not being able to get on her new grounds for practice earlier in the season. However, we will work for a high standing among the colleges of Pennsylvania.

We hope the outlook for the future of all our sister chapters is as encouraging as ours just at present, and we feel sure some more rivals will be obliged to give way to our advances.

L. F. SMITH.

RHO—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

On the evening of December 7, we gave a party to our numerous friends at the residence of D. W. Layman. About fifty were present, and, beside our college friends, quite a number of alumni from the city and active members from other colleges were with us. The evening was spent in dancing, games and conversation. On the evening of February 12 the Sigs, with their young ladies, attended the concert given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra Club in Indianapolis. After the concert, we turned our footsteps to the restaurant, where we "did up" the refreshments in the most approved style.

Our University is steadily improving. The Observatory has been completed, and an excellent telescope is therein contained. The foundations of the new preparatory building have been laid, and the work of superstructure has just begun. At the last board meeting, the financial agent of the school reported that \$35,000 had been added to the endowment fund. \$20,000 of this was donated to endow a chair of German Language. The Indianapolis School of Music has become part of the University, and will be transferred to Irvington as soon as possible.

There is but one more thing that seems to us worthy of consideration, and that only on account of the falsity of it. We refer to the chapter letter from Butler University published in the *Δ T Δ Rainbow*. Until we saw that letter, we thought that with one exception the *Δ T's* were honest friends of ours, and we will still continue to think so until we see it, a dislike shown to us by other members of that chapter. The one exception is the man who wrote the letter, and therefore we are unwilling to think that the sentiment of the entire chapter is voiced in it. But now, as to the master-piece. They speak of us as a set of fellows in need of a leader, from whom nothing can be expected and who fall behind in all college affairs. We are thankful that we have no leader, we are one in the fraternity, and the opinion of each one of us has equal weight. To us it is curious that "a crowd without a leader" can in every case get away with their crowd so well organized. We have had our share of

college honors in the only literary society in which we are represented. The ΔT 's have the captain of the base-ball team, but he got it after it had been refused by both a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and ΣX . The $\Delta T \Delta$'s have a very good chapter of fifteen men and, with one exception, have the true fraternity spirit. The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have a chapter of sixteen men, and is said to be one of the finest chapters of that fraternity in the State. J. C. Howe, a $\Delta T \Delta$, and H. Miller, a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, have recently been added to the Faculty of the University.

ROBERT P. LEAVITT.

TAU—ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Tau has to make apology for not having had a letter in the QUARTERLY this session. Our excuse for being so derelict in duty is, that as we are only *one*, and there has been scarcely anything of interest or importance to write about. One of Tau's alumni has recently been highly honored namely, Herbert G. Peters, State Senator, class of '80, who has been chosen orator for the coming Triennial Reunion of Roanoke Alumni. The *Roanoke Collegian* for February, commenting upon the selection, pays him the following compliment. "Senator Peters is a popular speaker and a rising man in the State. He was Presidential Elector in 1888, probably the youngest man ever elected to that position in Virginia. Mr. Peters won the orator's medal at Roanoke, and he has fully justified the expectation of Faculty and students by his subsequent career."

We received a very pleasant visit from Bro. Stuart L. Jones a few weeks ago, who was here looking after his investments in this booming town. Fraternity matters are quite dull at Roanoke just now.

R. M. WILEY.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

As the time approaches for the Sigma Chi of Psi Chapter to separate, we look back on our associations together during the past year with more and more pleasure, and contemplate with much regret the nearness of the time for disbanding. Among our members of this session there has existed a close bond of union, and while owing to the comparative smallness of our numbers our chapter has not ranked as the first and most influential, still we have maintained a high standard, and some of our number have no superiors in the University. We have no cause whatever to blush in the least for anything that has occurred in our chapter's history, not only of the present, but of past sessions. There are no class honors here, no grading, but we feel quite sure that several degrees will be taken by our members on Final Day.

We have received letters from several chapters, among others, from Alpha Nu, University of Texas; it was a great pleasure to us to hear of their well-being. We have received letters from Zeta Zeta, Danville, Ky. We were all rejoiced to know of Bro. Godsey's success in capturing the orator's medal over representatives from all of the other university institutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by Psi Chapter on the death of Bro. George L. Lyman, which occurred January 17, 1890, at Charlottesville, Va.:

WHEREAS, Our worthy Consul and beloved brother, George L. Lyman, has been taken from among us by the hand of death, and whereas, his noble life and character makes it eminently fitting that his brothers should give expression to their deep and sincere grief; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the removal of Brother Lyman from the sphere of his earthly duty, his friends have lost one of the dearest of their number, his chapter has sustained a loss that can not be replaced, and a void has been left in his home which time alone, with its all healing power, can fill.

Resolved, That we, his fraternity mates, attest the worth of his noble character,

and express our profound admiration of his life and conduct among us as a student, friend and brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, and also sent to his bereaved family.

H. DENT MINOR,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JAMES L. McLEMORE,	
VALENTINE SOUTHALL	
H. DENT MINOR.	

OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter we have lost, for a time at least, Bro. Harry Wakeman, who was compelled to return to his home in Lincoln, Ill., by a severe attack of typhoid fever. He has the sympathy of the chapter and the whole school in his suffering. Bro. Geo. Hills, who was compelled to leave us last year, has returned, and is finishing his Freshman year. Bro. Charles T. Watrous, who is earning fame as an elocutionist, took the part of Columbus in the National Pageant at the Auditorium. He has left college to pursue his dramatic studies in Chicago, but is still an active member of the chapter. Bros. E. L. Shuman, '87, and Charles A. Wightman, '85, took a trip to Mexico with the Illinois Press Association last month. What they do not know about Mexico is not worth knowing. Among the social events of the chapter was a delightful reception to the boys by Bro. Frank Jackson at his home in Chicago; and a dance known as a "Musical" at the House. In the Gage debate contest, Bro. A. H. Phelps made a creditable showing, though he did not succeed in capturing a prize. During the past two months we have had delightful visits from Bro. McCutcheon, Purdue, '89; Anson Hagle, Albion, '88; and Bros. Fernald and Kelso, of Delta Chi.

Northwestern University has been receiving extensive advertising in Chicago dailies, among which was a page in *The Herald*, well written and illustrated, and a three-column article in *The Tribune*, containing extracts from last year's Annual, principal among which was a humorous essay on Hamlet, written by Bro. Chas. B. Wright, '88.

The most remarkable event in the Greek world here was a lecture delivered by an erratic "bib," named Bullock, which was a sort of "phillipic" against college fraternities. Invitations were sent to every chapter here, and about two hundred Greeks confronted the speaker. His lecture was just the collection of "rot" that one would expect from a disgruntled barb. A big brass band at his left, an energetic goat at his right, a skull and crossbones on the stand in front of him, and a hostile audience before him, did not diminish the speaker's nerve in the least. For an hour he regaled his hearers with a blood-curdling tale of the impious wickedness of fraternities and their members, and another hour was devoted to answering questions from the audience and taking back what he had said in the first. He was especially bitter against Sigma Chi, and mentioned the fact that "a stigma of shame" hung over our chapter house. An explanation was demanded, and he publicly retracted what he had said. *The Press*, a village weekly, in speaking of the lecture, said: "He said at the start that he would not attack any fraternity in this college—that his argument would be directed against the system. But he had not spoken many minutes until he had whacked the Delta Upsilon's over the head, held up the Beta Theta P's to ridicule and more than hinted at the ignominy resting upon any man who might so far be led astray as to join the Sigma Chis in Evanston. The proper title of the lecture would have been, 'All the Bad Things I have heard about Fraternities.' The whole paper showed an able management of second-hand material."

College athletics are booming right merrily. The ball nine, which walked away with the pennant last year, is under the same able management as then, and stands a good chance of holding it. The league includes clubs from Madison, Beloit, Lake Forest, and Northwestern. Negotiations are now pending for a foot-ball league, including Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan State Universities, and Northwestern. Such a league will probably be formed. But it is to our Tug-of-War team that the biggest laurels belong. In two pulls, March 10 and 24, they defeated the Union Athletic and Active Athletic teams of Chicago, and thus secured the permanent ownership of the Meriden-Brittania Cup. April 14 they pulled the Union Athletics, Active Athletics and Evanston Athletics, and won the celebrated Hub Cup. In the first contest Bros. Watrous and Phelps were on the team; in the second, Bro. Caddock took the place of Phelps. Two-fifths of the honors in each case belong to Sigma Chi.

The chapter has leased the present house for another year. The *Syllabus*, the college annual, will soon be out, and Omega will be pleased to exchange annuals with any of her sister chapters.

Prof. Horswell has returned from his European tour, and is teaching in Preparatory. Miss Catherine Beal, head of the Art Department, has been called to her home, and will probably give up her position here.

We extend to Sigs generally, and our alumni in particular, a cordial invitation to be here Commencement week, which begins June 16. R. ROY SHUMAN.

GAMMA GAMMA—RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Since our last, the $\Phi \Theta \Psi$ Fraternity has established a chapter here. They started with a comparatively large chapter, not long ago, at Richmond College. They have only three men here.

Our Literary Societies—Washington and Franklin—held their regular annual debates on Friday nights, the eleventh and eighteenth, respectively. As usual, flights were taken, "curls" were common, and the applause loud and prolonged when some poor fellow made a blunder. As usual, every speaker was congratulated by everybody, and was told that his speech was certainly a fine one; and, as usual, all, especially the ladies, were glad when the speaking was over and the promenading began. At the Franklin Hall Debate, one of our men officiated as vice-president, while another, as orator of the evening, consumed twenty-three minutes of the audience's precious time.

Our Science Hall is almost completed at last. It is a brick building, costing about \$18,000. It is not a magnificent, imposing, or very beautiful building, but still it adds a great deal to the looks of the campus. I will say, for the benefit of any persons who have lived at or visited Ashland, that it, like every other building of any importance in town, fronts the railroad, which is our main street.

There is nothing new to be told concerning Gamma Gamma. She numbers five men at present; four of whom will probably return next year.

B. W. ARNOLD.

DELTA DELTA—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, $\Delta \Delta$ has prospered in many ways, and each week of her existence makes her stronger in college circles. Owing to the fraternity rule, existing at Purdue, excluding Freshmen from the fraternities, we have initiated no new men this term; but in June we will introduce to the ΣX brotherhood David Wallace and J. D. Barkley, of Indianapolis. Both are young men well acquainted with the workings of ΣX ; Mr. Wallace having three brothers in the fraternity; and Mr. Barkley's

father is a constant wearer of the White Cross. This year $\Delta \Delta$ loses three men by graduation—Bros. Dresser, Richards and Anderson. Next year the chapter will start out with six men, which leaves the chapter in good shape. We regret the loss of Bro. Sedgwick, and our spike, W. E. Shackleton. Bro. Sedgwick is with a large firm in Denver, and Mr. Shackleton is engaged with the Natural Gas Trust of Indianapolis. ΣX was very well represented at the annual entertainments of the literary societies given the second week in April. Bro. Goodwin was orator, and Bro. Richards was essayist, on the Carlyle annual; and Bro. Anderson presided at the Irving entertainment.

Delta Delta has just completed a *Souvenir of Purdue University*, which is one of the neatest college publications ever issued. Every chapter of the fraternity is to receive a copy, and perhaps the fraternity at large can receive a better idea of Purdue from this book, than it could from any quantity of chapter letters. The present Senior class have just published the *Debris*, the regular college annual, but it in no way compares with the *Souvenir*. It is simply a compilation of names and fictitious organizations. The attitude of the college at large to Delta Delta is much less hostile than it was a few months ago. The Kappa Sigma fraternity still continues to oppose every scheme that is offered by ΣX , but their character is so unprincipled and their strength is so weak, that we never suffer in the least from their opposition.

The base ball season is now at the height of excitement. A series of games has been arranged with the other colleges of the State, to take place every Saturday until Commencement. Bro. Hord is pitcher of the team; Bro. Goodwin, captain and first base; and Bro. Dresser, short stop.

The new electrical building, completed this term, is a model of architectural beauty and convenience. The electrical engineering course is becoming a very popular one at Purdue, and with the advantages and facilities it now possesses, the electrical school at Purdue promises to rank with the best in the West. The third week in April was devoted by the mechanical engineers to a tour of inspection in Chicago. Several of the large factories were visited, and the evenings were spent in "seeing the city."

May 10 is the date of the Sophomore picnic. This is one of the gala days of the year, when the mirthful-inclined let loose their winter-housed feelings, and barb and frat. men mingle to be as happy as brothers of one family. The brothers of Delta Delta who attended the State Oratorical Contest, report a most enjoyable time. They say that they never met as jolly a crowd of good fellows as were circled around the ΣX banquet, given on the evening of the Oratorical. We think Bro. Lindley just the man to make this province a united, enthusiastic, combination of Sigma Chis. Delta Delta sends best wishes and loyal support to all her sister chapters.

F. PAUL ANDERSON.

ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

In the last QUARTERLY we promised an account of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, and the part ΣX took in that most important meeting. When the last letter was written we "saw as through a glass darkly," but the fullness of light now makes us wonder as to past doubts. Mildly, we predicted that Bro. Godsey would represent our time-honored institution in the then impending conflict, feeling assured of his abundant capacity and a confidence in his winning powers as an orator. To sum up all this vagary, it is now incumbent to say that Bro. H. L. Godsey *did* bear the standard of "old Centre," and further nobly upheld her proud escutcheon before the assembled Judges and thousand expectant auditors. Long days before April 4, a sort of holy horror pervaded the bosoms of the other contestants and their friends, as they would hear of Godsey's matchless efforts with clarion voice and rhythmic composition.

Kentucky University, A. and M. College, Central University, Georgetown College, and Centre College were this year represented in this, the third, annual meeting of the I. C. O. A. Each of these institutions sought out, and duly invested with the representation, that student who seemed to have the charmed graces of oratory most developed; that done, they each one enthusiastically supported the hero of their choice, and in the aggregate over three hundred came to Danville to cheer their champion with their presence; and here may it be said to the credit of speakers and students, that the former were young orators of promise without exception, and the latter were wonderfully gentlemanly in their conduct while here. But despite the capabilities of the gentlemen, the fact was apparent before and after the effort of each, that Godsey was the "child of destiny" and the man of transcending eloquence who should wear the exquisite medal provided for the victor. The judges were not long in bringing in their verdict, and no sooner was the success of Centre's man announced than a half score of enthusiastic students, regardless of class, raised the short, heavy-built winner of four contests in two years to their shoulders, and thus aloft bore him out of the church. Hundreds of verbal compliments were paid Mr. Godsey on his effort, and the press of this whole section commented most favorably on his excellent composition and wondered at a voice that thrills like a Clay's. Centre College also defeated a picked nine of other colleges in a base ball game next day. A full series of games with college clubs will follow through the Spring. Kentucky colleges are flourishing in all respects, and constantly improving.

As for Centre College, again we say Pre-ident Young is the embodiment of success, and has embued the boys with the spirit of progress most markedly. Zeta Zeta seems to be especially fortunate in the allegiance of fair friends at present, as the banners and flowers of recent occasions attest. And while we have no titled chapter house, yet one of the most elegant homes of the city is open at all hours to Sigs, while the hospitable entertainment enjoyed there makes the hours pass most pleasantly.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. Vineyard and Warfield, of Eta, during the contest; also enjoyed the company of J. J. Cleland, of Central University. Ting Vaughn, and H. M. Grundy.

Bro. Godsey has gone to Frankfort to serve as an enrolling clerk for the remainder of the session of the Legislature.

We are pleased to announce the initiation of Ernest Spogge of Guelph, Ontario.

J. S. VANWINKLE.

ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The ball teams of St. Xavier College, Hughes and Woodward High Schools, and the University, have formed a college league, in which each nine is to play twelve games for the championship. The University boys won their first game, which was played with the Woodward nine, by a score of eleven to seven, and are confident of final victory. All the teams are of such excellent material that the pennant will be a great honor to its possessors. There are three Sigs on the team, and one is a "Sub." A fine tennis court will soon be constructed on the campus,—we say *constructed*, for our campus is a miniature Switzerland.

The new fraternity, ΣAE , is getting along nicely, and, excepting the Sigs, its members are the most wide-awake students here.

We are unfortunate in the loss of Bros. Wilson and Hoffman as active members. Bro. Wilson, '93, is compelled to quit his studies on account of weak eyes, and Bro. Hoffman, '90, has accepted the position of chemist in the Hall Capsule Works, of Covington, Ky. These losses have, in part, been repaired by the initiation of Horace F. Smith, '98, an excellent man whom $B \Theta H$ tried in vain to capture. He is a nephew

of Howard Ferris, an eminent lawyer of this city, and one of the founders of Mu Chapter.

Bros. Nichols and Huntington were handsomely entertained by our Alpha Gamma brothers during a visit to Columbus, O., recently. THOMAS C. SHOTWELL.

THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the last communication from Theta Theta, "the goat" has done his duty nobly. Six times has he made the trip between the camps of the barbarians and the Greeks, and as many times has he added worthy men to the ranks of Sigma Chi. Bro. Borradalle, who graduated here in '81, having returned for a course in Pharmacy, has become active again, and is as enthusiastic as ever. Bro. Sam E. Low, of Chi, has become active, so that now our chapter numbers twenty. That we are prospering, is clearly evidenced by the fact that a new piano and other "permanent property" has recently been purchased for the house.

Under the circumstances, of course, a celebration was in order. On the evening of April 5, Theta Theta entertained her lady friends in an informal manner. The evening was spent in dancing and cards, and to say that we had an enjoyable time would be putting it very mildly. To quote from a co-ed. "we had our *largest* time."

An amusing incident occurred at one of our spreads for "prospective spikers." One of our youngest but most enthusiastic members met a man to whom he took quite a fancy, and thinking he would make a good Sig invited him over to the spread. Some who knew him were thunderstruck when he walked in, for we recognized him as one of the $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, our greatest rivals here in this University. However, it turned out all right, for he never suspected that there had been a blunder, and went away with quite an exalted opinion of the Sigs.

Theta Theta is not taking a very active part in athletics this Spring, but although a little disfigured is still in the ring, for she has one of the five base ball directors in the University, there being only one other Greek, a Beta Theta Pi, on the Board. Several of our men will, in all probability, be on their class teams also.

GEORGE L. NYE.

ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Since our last letter Alpha Beta has not changed a great deal except in the matter of age. We lost three men last year whose names will always be remembered by our chapter—Noble, Widber and Sullivan, all '89 men, and charter members. But our number has not diminished, as we initiated two new comers, and two of the old men returned to finish the course.

At the commencement of the year we were boarding, but this order of things has been changed. We are now keeping house in our own hall, and find it much more conducive to genuine fraternity spirit than any number of meetings or reunions.

Sigma Chi attended bodily a reception given by the aunt of an alumnus of Alpha Beta, in honor of the first wedding in the chapter. Bro. Folsom is the happy man, and we took great pleasure in greeting our first sister, whom we found very charming.

Probably the most interesting event of February, was the series of Shakespearian recitals given by Locke Richardson. He was engaged through the energetic efforts of several of our professors, and his readings have proved to be real literary treats.

Since January we have had two celebrations in college, the first one being the Sophomore Hop. Bro. Haas was chairman of the committee of arrangements, and was very successful. Last month Charter Day was celebrated, on which occasion Bro. Bailey shone forth as President of the day. The exercises were held in the

morning, and in the afternoon the Gymnasium was cleared for dancing. Alpha Beta entertained her friends at lunch immediately after the morning exercises.

Athletics in general are booming, though the foot ball and base ball teams are not doing anything. Tennis is flourishing, and our court is very popular. We expect to have a team of our own soon that can compete with any of the other students. College life has become so quiet lately, that the older students can hardly realize that they are half through the second term. The jolly Sophomore and the verdant Freshman in the fraternity, have met in conflict only once. On that occasion the freshmen were out on the war path, and they succeeded in capturing seven J. S.'s, several of whom were scalped, while the others were introduced to the tree boughs through the agency of the "tossing blanket."

J. R. HASKIN.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

All of our members have achieved a good record for the last term, but we regret to say that we will lose, this term, three of our good workers, viz.: D. T. Roy, L. H. Goddard and Charley Kilbourne. These members will remain out of school this term to work at engineering. Roy goes to West Virginia, Goddard will remain in the city, while Kilbourne will be working near the city part of the time. On the other hand, we have both the pleasure and honor of introducing to the Sigma Chi world, Mr. R. D. Ellis, of Youngstown, O., as the latest addition to our mystic circle. Bro. Ellis has been one of our pledged men for more than a year, and we have all looked forward to the time when the age of prepdom, for him, would be past, so that we could introduce him to the goat and bring him out in the blue and gold. Alpha Gamma is proud of him, and will always regard him as one who will not only strive to keep the White Cross untarnished, but will add lustre to its sheen.

Last term we had the pleasure of a pleasant call by Messrs. Huntington and Nichols, of Zeta Psi, of the University of Cincinnati. They reported Sigma Chi progress to be very favorable in that region.

There is little general college news here now. Athletics are, perhaps, receiving the largest share of attention. The tennis players have been wielding their rackets for almost a month. Our base ball team is coming rapidly to the front, only two games have been played with other teams, and O. S. U. has come out victorious both times. The foot ball team has been organized, and will play its first game on the 26th with the Ohio Wesleyan team at Delaware. We also entertain great promise of having a good field day in general athletics, as the club is well organized with good officers at its head, and a number of valuable prizes will be given to the winners.

With regard to the Biennial Convention, we are almost unanimously in favor of Washington as the place of holding it, while White Sulphur Springs would be our next choice. As to time, the last week in August would suit us best, and we will send at least three delegates.

GEORGE E. McCULLOCH.

ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

College life at Beloit—serene background of study, beginning to give way to base ball and tennis; a few lectures and concerts scattered about in the foreground. Patriotism fired the student's breast on February 23, as he presented his Alma Mater with an elegant specimen of his nation's banner and watched it, to the strains of the band, unfurl itself over Middle College. The second annual trip of the Glee and Banjo Clubs has been thoroughly successful. A Z was represented by four men, including the manager.

A Z was unusually gay the last part of last term. A party at our rooms during February passed off very pleasantly. Immediately after came the snow, and with it a

message from the home of Bro. Cunningham, beckoning us Janesvilleward. Experience is a wonderful teacher. Visions rose of a four-horse sleigh, plenty of robes and prospects of something edible at the other end. It all came out true, with a full moon and low barometer thrown in. About a week later we are off by railroad to Rockford, this time with the Beloit girls, and spend a wonderfully pleasant evening at the home of Bro. Helm. Happy the chapter who has members living within twenty miles of college.

Bro. Chute, we are sorry to say, has left school. Bro. Dudley, after suffering here nearly all last term from a series of abscesses, is at home and much better, but does not expect to be with us again until next Fall. Bro. Hegel, late of Albion College, has been with us several days. A Z is in excellent condition, and its prospects were never better.

A. W. WHITNEY.

ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Alpha Theta is nearing the completion of another prosperous term. Since our last letter we have initiated three fine men, all from '92, and are happy to introduce Brothers Theis, Whitman and McCaw. Bro. Whitman was put through last week, and underwent the tortures with great fortitude.

The event of most interest to us of late, was our annual banquet on the 29th of last month. Bros. Dorsey, Voris and Norcross, of Harvard, were present, and added greatly to the evening's pleasures. The dinner made known to us that we have some very good orators in Alpha Theta. If there were only State oratoricals here as in the West, I trust that Bros. Williams and McCaw would do us credit.

Alpha Theta has moved into very comfortable new quarters at Suite 8, 78 Huntington Avenue, where all Sigs will meet a hearty welcome. Our new suite is much better every way than the old one, being new, well furnished and in a very desirable location.

Athletics at the Institute have received a new impetus this year, and never before have there been so many men in training for base ball and for the track events. There is no doubt but that there will be several records broken at our Spring meeting that comes off in a few weeks.

Within a few weeks another fraternity has chartered a chapter here, Theta Delta Chi. This makes the fourth chapter located here within a year.

CHARLES P. COSSWELL, JR.

ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We closed our year with twelve good men, having commenced it in the Fall with half that number. The men have been selected with care during the year, and are such men as remain in college and become an honor and benefit to their chapter.

We gave quite an elaborate party on May 7. The entire chapter was present, together with our five resident alumni brothers. In respect to arrangements, edibles, etc., the evening was considered one of our most successful efforts.

The University has prospered unusually during the past year under the energetic administration of its new President, Dr. W. H. Wilder. Our endowment fund has been increased, and the work in all departments successful. In June, one of the largest classes ever sent out will graduate, including three members of our own chapter.

J. C. NATE.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

February 28, Alpha Lambda initiated Bro. Louis Myers, of Lake Mills, Wis. He is a member of the Freshman class, and will make a loyal Sig.

March 1 we entered our Chapter House, and have since been experiencing the

benefits to be derived from such a step. The chapter gave a German as a house-warming, and as it enabled us to entertain several of our alumni, it proved very satisfactory.

It is the custom in the U. of W. for the Junior class to publish an annual, and the one issued by the class of '91 this year is very attractive and does honor to the class.

The University authorities are taking an interest in the athletic work this year, and as a consequence the training of the different sets of men has been very thorough, and we will be able to put a strong nine, and also an equally strong eleven in the field this year. The Colonel of the U. of W. Battalion has gone to Europe, and has made the appointment of officers subject to an examination in tactics next Fall. Alpha Lambda has two of the six captains, and a first sergeant. The old form of commencement exercises so long in use has, this year, given away to a new system. The Faculty is being gradually strengthened and the number increased to meet the increase of students.

The Michigan Glee and Banjo Clubs entertained a large audience here April 21. Bros. Ballard and Sutton were with the clubs, and although their stay was short, yet we were glad to meet them. The U. of W. Glee and Banjo Clubs had just returned from an extensive trip when the Michigan boys came.

We will endeavor to be represented at the Convention in August.

G. G. ARMSTRONG.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Nothing wonderful has occurred since our last letter. Things in and about the University are moving along with their usual tenor. The home-sick now begin to cast anxious eyes toward the last days of the session, which draws to a close on the 18th of June. Preparations for commencement days have taken hold of both Faculty and students, and the fortunate of the latter have begun to proclaim words of wisdom to the small inhabitants of the cedar brakes. The speakers for the occasion have all been chosen. Alpha Nu has no gaudy honors to report. She has made no fight for them, but patiently bides her time, which is sure to come soon. The University received a ten thousand dollar donation not long since. Its purpose is the erection of a Mess Hall for the benefit of those students who may desire less expensive ways of life. The sum has been augmented to fifteen thousand, and the building contract let. Work of construction will soon begin.

We have initiated no new men and our friend Billy will, no doubt, remain passive until the opening of the next session. There are some indications of another fraternity entering the lists here very soon. I think $\Phi K \Psi$ is looking about for a favorable opportunity. If such be the case, we bid her welcome.

A. H. CULVER.

ALPHA XI—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since we last wrote, our University has entertained the State Oratorical Association. Washburn College succeeded in getting first place. The Board of Regents have at last succeeded in finding a suitable man for Chancellor. They elected Prof. Francis Huntington Snow. He is a man who holds an enviable reputation as a scientist, one who has been connected with the University from its earliest days, and an educator in every way worthy of the position.

Since our last letter we have had some serious trouble, but thanks to Bros. Fisher and Dimmitt everything is now going smoothly, and we are confident that our trouble has not hurt us but has, if anything, been a benefit. Our boys think that the next Convention should be held in Washington, D. C., and White Sulphur Springs is our second choice. We will send a good delegation.

The University Athletic Association is in a prosperous condition, and the material is of the best quality in all the different branches of athletics. Bro. Justin D. Bowersock, Jr., will represent Sigma Chi on the tennis court. He is not an old, experienced player, but takes rank with the best players here. He has taken several prizes in local tournaments, in which he has met some of the best players. Bros. Smith, Adams and Swank will play in the University ball club this season; Bro. Smith is said to be the best amateur pitcher in the State.

Bro. Chas. B. Voorhis has left school to accept a position in the R. J. Waddell Investment Co., of Ottawa, Kansas.

We are making arrangements to celebrate our anniversary, in May, with a reception. Several of our alumni will attend.

We are in receipt of a letter from the Lincoln boys, offering us their hospitality for the Inter-State Oratorical Association. We should like to be with them, but shall be unable to attend.

W. E. SWANK.

ALPHA OMICRON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

During these Spring days we, of the South, are filled with that easy languor which makes us look anxiously for the approaching vacation rest, and rather forget our serious duties in the thought of summer travels and amusements. And so we have grown to think with pleasure of the meeting at White Sulphur Springs rather than at the more instructive but more tiresome City of Washington. Many of our chapter who seek the gaieties of old Virginia yearly will attend the Convention if held there, but only few will find it possible to journey to the National Capitol.

Someone has said, "look to the young men for the glory of the nation." We who have passed through many trials and tribulations, and are beginning to feel ourselves overtaken by the weight of years, believing in the truth of this remark, can look with great pleasure and hope upon the young men of our chapter. Probably nowhere can be found a set who are more bright, active and zealous. Combining, as they do, with social position, brains and energy, the welfare of the chapter can safely be trusted to their care.

Brother Erasmus Fenner deserves the praise and commendation of all his friends. He has just succeeded in gaining admittance, as one of the ambulance students, into our hospital. When we consider that only five students are admitted yearly, and that these are chosen as the most competent out of a class of some three hundred, we can see that he has gained a most coveted position. Amongst this year's medical students are Bros. T. E. Lockart and M. S. Miles, both of Eta Chapter. Bro. Dixon has been elected secretary of the Tulane athletic games, a position of much honor.

Two of our chapter members will graduate from the Law Department at its close this session, viz., Gasquet and Dymond. Next year Bro. Perkins will enter this department. Interest in the chapter and fraternity would in no way be more clearly demonstrated, than by the number of badges which have lately been ordered. Almost every member, both alumni and active, now wears the White Cross.

The sister of our worthy Grand Tribune has been in our midst for a short time this Winter and is now, we understand, enjoying the hospitality of one of our plantation homes.

HEWES T. GURLEY.

ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Vacation has come and gone, and the first duty that presents itself at the beginning of the term is the preparation of this letter. It will have the merit of brevity, for fraternity items of interest are, to quote a contemporary, "conspicuous by their absence." Since our last communication Alpha Pi has pursued the even tenor of her way, with neither victory to elate nor defeat to cast down.

At the close of last term, Bro. E. C. Peirce was unanimously elected President of the Erosophian Society. At the same time, Bro. C. A. Fiske was appointed Commencement Orator. We lose one of our most active workers this term in Bro. A. H. Rockafellow, who has taken unto himself a better half, and will engage in business at Clare, Mich.

The indications are that this term will witness great activity in athletics. Probably the annual Field Day of the Michigan Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association will be held in Albion. This brings together each year several hundred students from the various Michigan colleges, and is a potent factor in strengthening the bonds which should unite the colleges of the State.

SMITH BURNHAM.

ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The combined musical organizations of the 'Varsity have given two entertainments, one in the Fountain Hill Opera House, the other at Easton. The orchestra acquitted itself very well as did also the Banjo and Guitar Club, but much praise cannot be given the Glee Club as their glees were poorly rendered. Bros. Miller, '89, banjo; Woodall, '89, guitar; and Lefevre, mandolin, were sadly missed; at last year's concert their playing contributed very much towards securing the immense hit made by the Banjo and Guitar Club. This year Bro. Matheson, '91, is the mainstay of the guitars, but one man, though a good performer, as he undoubtedly is, cannot do all the playing; however, under his guidance they have made very good progress, and at the next entertainment we look for better work.

The *Epitome*, the college annual published by the Junior class, will make its appearance in the first week in May. Bro. Barrios, who is one of the editors, tells us it will be a good one and up to the Lehigh standard. Any chapter wishing to exchange annuals will confer a favor by notifying us.

The athletic grounds have been enlarged, and a new grand stand and bleacheries have been erected to take the place of the grand stand that was burned on the occasion of our victory in foot ball over Lafayette last season. The Lacrosse team that will battle for the honor of Lehigh in the Inter-Collegiate League this year, will have five new men in it; however, it is thought that it will be as strong or stronger than last year's team which stood second in the League, Princeton's team taking first place. About thirty men are training for the vacant positions. The outlook for base ball is fine, and this year's team will probably be one of Lehigh's best; it will be composed largely of Freshmen and hence experimental, but judging from what the new men have done in practice, one is safe in predicting a long list of victories.

Bro. Pratt, '92, has left college to accept a position at Nicholson, Pa. He will be back next year to resume his studies.

We were informed by Bros. Leuckel, '87; Sattler, '88; and Miller, '89, that they attended the banquet given by the Epsilon Alumni Chapter at the Shoreham in Washington, D. C., on February 18, and that the occasion was one long to be remembered.

Since our last letter, the chapter has been visited by Bros. Anderson, '91, and Leuckel, '87, and by Bro. Null, of Kappa, during the Easter vacation.

JOHN T. HOOVER.

ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We again send our correspondence under most favorable circumstances. Perhaps not as much of general interest to the reader, has occurred for us to report, as there was in our last; yet we feel that in the way of profit the past three months have not been the least of the year. The damage by fire to the University, which we mentioned

in our last letter, has been completely obliterated. If on this account the appearance of the affected buildings has been changed, it is for the better.

All the signs and symptoms of Spring are now here. Snow and cold weather have fled; base ball and out-door military drill are the order of the day. The usual crack University nine has been organized, and is preparing to wipe the landscape with all opposing college clubs. An inter-frat league has also been established, and a schedule of games adopted. The first game occurs in a few days, with the Sigma Chi nine as one of the opposing sides. We shall endeavor to do our duty. With warm weather, lawn tennis again appears. The chapter has an excellent court and will soon produce some expert players.

The election of the new Board of Editors for the *Ariel* (our college publication), in which much interest has been aroused, has taken place. The result is satisfactory to all, and the Board will conduct the paper in an able manner. *The Gopher*, an annual issued by the Junior class, containing statistics, engravings and the latest college jokes, will soon be out, and is awaited with much eagerness.

The number of students which the University set its mark for at the beginning of the year, has been attained. The very respectable sum of one thousand and one is now upon the registrar's books, and this places our University, as to its attendance, in about the fourth rank among the higher educational institutions of the country.

Alpha Sigma is still in a flourishing condition. Our number and enthusiasm are undiminished. The college year is now nearing a close, and before the appearance of our last correspondence will be gone. The graduating class will number about sixty, the largest that has yet left our institution. Alpha Sigma will lose five members with the outgoing class, but expects to still have a strong force left in the field.

The Commencement programme promises not to be surpassed in interest or importance by any previous ones. Military, Athletic and Class Day exercises, with the "Senior Promenade" will be among the brilliant events. As to the success of all these, we will tell you in our next.

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The University of North Carolina, officers and students mourn the sad death of Dr. A. W. Mangum, Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy. For some time his health has been very poor, and on Monday, May 13, he passed quietly away. In him the students lose a faithful friend—one tried and always found true.

We had the pleasure, some time ago, of welcoming Bro. E. W. Smith, Sigma Sigma, '84. He conducted a series of meetings here in the Y. M. C. A. He now has charge of the Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, N. C. If Bro. Smith is to be taken as a fair sample of men from Sigma Sigma, Sigma Chi has assuredly had a grievous misfortune in the death of that chapter. A nicer gentleman I have never met.

Bro. Ricks has settled in the little town of Buena Vista, near Lexington, Va. He wrote us some time ago of having visited Zeta. He seems much pleased with our Virginia brothers.

Our University is making rapid strides to take that place among American colleges which she so justly deserves. Alumni associations are being organized throughout the State and two new departments will be opened next year—Medicine and Engineering. An effort will also be made to endow a Chair of History.

R. ALEXANDER URQUHART.

ALPHA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

The Chair of Mathematics is now occupied by Prof. Graham in place of Dr. Finley. The change was for the better, and will strengthen the Faculty. The attendance this term was a little less than it was last term. Hard times and "la grippe"

are the cause of this. A fine archæological collection has been donated to the college and will be quite an addition to our museum. During the past year this college has received gifts amounting to five hundred thousand dollars. Though not available for immediate use, it insures increased prosperity to the college during the next school year, and consequently for Alpha Upsilon.

As spoken of in our last letter, Bro. Marquardt, Alpha Gamma, assisted us in leading Bro. D. C. Porter along the devious path over which all Sigs have to travel. Bro. Porter is now thoroughly enjoying fraternity life. Bro. E. B. Stuart has invited Alpha Upsilon *and friends* to visit his home in Alhambra. The drive there is a beautiful one by moonlight.

Though so far away, we are in hopes of being able to send one delegate to the Biennial Convention.

GEORGE D. CHRISTY.

Personalia.

J. F. CLARK—Omicron, '98—has just graduated from a commercial college, and expects to enter business life at Baltimore, Md.

W. A. MILLARD—Omicron, '89—is studying law with Judge Herman, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

D. P. McPHERSON—Theta, '89—is in Washington, helping his father.

DR. M. B. HARTZELL—Theta, '74—is on the Faculty of the Medical Department, of the University of Pennsylvania.

JOHN FAHNESTOCK—Theta, '79—went to Watertown, South Dakota, to attend the wedding of his sister on June 1.

H. P. FAHNESTOCK—Theta, '88—is in Kansas City, Mo., in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

REV. R. H. BENNETT—Gamma Gamma, '83—has been stationed in charge of the Washington Street M. E. Church South, at Richmond, Va., since November, 1889.

J. A. PATTON—Sigma Sigma, '77—and **G. P. TALBOTT**—Gamma Gamma, '80—have formed a partnership for the transaction of a general insurance business, at Danville, Va.

REV. THEODORE A. K. GESSLER—Kappa, '64—is a member of the recently organized "Quill Club" of New York City.

At the regular meeting of the Henry George Club of Philadelphia, held February 20, 1890, **DWIGHT M. LOWREY**—Gamma, '73—read an able paper on "The Social Ideal."

REV. W. H. REYNOLDS—Beta, '86—who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at River Forest, Ill., was recently elected Permanent Clerk of the Presbytery of Chicago.

GRAND CONSUL FRANK M. ELLIOT is a shining light in the social as well as in the business and political world. Besides being one of the three Trustees who govern the village of Evanston, and the Secretary of the Evanston Club, he has been elected recently Second Vice President of the Country Club.

HON. HUGH D. McMULLEN—Xi, '61—delivered the address of welcome to the Southern Indiana Teachers' Association held at Aurora, Ind., this spring.

WILLIAM L. OLD—Gamma Gamma, '89—is teaching school at Trevilians, Va.

FRANK TALBOTT—Gamma Gamma, '89—is employed in the postoffice at Danville, Virginia.

T. STOKES TALBOTT—Gamma Gamma, '86—is with Pace, Talbott & Co., tobacco manufacturers, Danville, Va.

• **WILLIAM H. TEGARDEN**—Eta, '77—who resided formerly at Crystal Springs, Miss., is now a resident of Yazoo City, Miss.

JOHN IRWIN—Iota, '70—has made a tour around the world. He left New York on the 24th of last July, spent two months in Europe, eight days in Egypt, ten in India, eight in Ceylon, twelve in China, seven in Japan, and arrived in San Francisco January 9, 1890. Mr. Irwin, who is a veteran at traveling, is a resident of Circleville, Pa.

THE Evanston Press says of an alumnus of Theta Theta: "MR. NEWTON WYETH, Attorney, 96 and 97 Illinois National Bank Building, Chicago, has moved into the third house north of Lee street, on Chicago avenue, Evanston."

H. S. KELLER and H. L. GODSEY, recently active members of Zeta Zeta, extended true Kentucky hospitality to ex-Grand Prætor NATHAN POWELL and the editor of the QUARTERLY, on a recent trip which the latter made to Frankfort and the Blue Grass region. Messrs. Keller and Godsey hold responsible clerkships in the House of Representatives of Kentucky.

H. D. LATIMER—Alpha Lambda, '88—has engaged in the real estate and loan business under the firm name of Ford & Latimer, in Room 54, 94 La Salle St., Chicago.

REV. B. FRANK BROOKS—Xi, '77—has removed from Snohomish, to 2809 Pacific avenue, Tacoma, Wash.

F. H. CHALMERS—Tau, '78—writes the following characteristic letter: "Enclosed find \$5.00 for one copy of the Catalogue. Four dollars is not enough."

WILLIAM W. SCHERMERHORN—Lambda, '61—has entered the real estate business, recently, at Harrison, Ark., under the firm name of Schermerhorn & Sanford.

PROF. W. O. SPROULL—Iota, '69—contributed to the *Andover Review* for February, 1890, a very scholarly article on "The Education of the Roman Youth."

THE Ontonagon (Mich.) *Herald* says of JOHN E. YOUNG—Theta Theta, '88:

Editor Young, of the *L'Anse Sentinel*, is making his paper one to be desired by the homesteaders of his county. During the past winter he has been publishing a complete history of the M. H. & O. grant, and all decisions and orders issued by the Land Department are watched closely by him. Not only does the homestead question receive attention by the *Sentinel*, but every other interest of Baraga county is set forth in its true light. Baraga county has an able exponent in the *Sentinel*.

THE *Daily Free Press*, of Carlisle, Pa., of April 28, 1890, mentions the tendering of a responsible position (which has since been accepted) to a well-known alumnus of Phi:

ROBERT E. JAMES, Esq., of this city, Bank Examiner, Second Vice-President and Loan and Trust Officer of the Easton Trust Company, was on Tuesday elected a Director in the Asbury Park National Bank. Mr. James has resigned as Bank Examiner, but the Controller of the Currency has not yet accepted his resignation.

Mr. James was formally tendered the Presidency of the Asbury Park National Bank by the new Board which was elected Tuesday, but he requested time to consider the subject. The *Free Press* learned some weeks since that the Presidency of the bank had been tendered Mr. James by those who were chiefly interested in it, and who felt very grateful to him for bringing their institution out of the trouble that followed the use of the bank by the would-be wreckers of the Sixth National, Lenox and Equitable Banks, in New York, but on request of the Bank Examiner we said nothing about the affair at the time. Mr. James, by introducing "heroic treatment," soon brought the bank into sound condition. Its capital was unimpaired, but its loans were in bad shape, and though there was considerable squirming, Mr. James brought those who were indebted or responsible to the bank to terms, and started it again on a firm footing. It was then that he was offered the presidency,—a very tempting and complimentary offer, too. Mr. James saw the opening and the advantages the position possessed, but he was loth to leave Easton. About that time the Trust Company project was started here, and the projectors early conferred with Mr. James, enlisting him in the enterprise. Thus he has become still more firmly attached to Easton, his home for twenty-five years. He is, however, considering the proposition to become President of the bank, and it is probable he will accept if he can arrange matters so as not to interfere with his residence or his business here. If this it impracticable he will not accept.

Mr. James is, we believe, the only Bank Examiner appointed by the Cleveland administration now in office. His services have been very valuable to the government and beneficial to the banks in several striking particulars. It is quite probable that the Controller of Currency will endeavor, as in the past, to continue to the government the services of one who has proven so amply fitted for the duties.

THE *Republican Gazette* thus speaks of Judge JOSEPH G. HUFFMAN—Gamma, '68:

Court adjourned last week after a session of nearly five weeks. Judge Huffman made a splendid impression, not only with the bar, but with every one with whom he came in contact. No mistake was made when he was elected.

ARCHIE EVANS—Alpha Zeta, '91—is studying law with his brother in Chicago.

H. C. FARR—Alpha Zeta, '87—has been appointed Postmaster at Irving, S. D.

C. P. KRAUTH—Theta, '70—is Secretary of the McConway & Torley Company, sole manufacturers of the Janney Car Coupler. His address is Forty-eighth Street and A. P. R. R., Philadelphia, Pa.

C. R. UNGER—Theta, '88—has returned from Kansas, and is now at his home at Cavetown, Md.

HON. FRANK T. SHAW—Theta, '87—is a prominent member of the Maryland Legislature.

GEORGE D. HUTSON—Mu, '92—was obliged to leave college on account of poor health, and is now engaged in a railroad office at Pittsburgh, Pa.

E. E. and HENRY SHEFFIELD—Mu, '87—are pursuing special courses at the University of Michigan.

O. O. A. WILKINSON—Mu, '90—visited Theta Theta Chapter during the Spring recess.

LEWIS W. HOFFMANN—Zeta Psi, '90—is Assistant Chemist at the Hall Capsule Works of Covington, Ky.

OSCAR W. KUHN—Zeta Psi, '86—was recently elected Councilman from the Twenty-sixth Ward, Cincinnati.

JOAQUIN PRIETO—Alpha Rho, '91—is pursuing a course in medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

E. B. WISMAN—Alpha Rho, '88—has recently been advanced to the position of Supervisor of the P. W. & B. Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is stationed at Baltimore, Md.

C. E. PHILLIPS—Alpha Rho, '88—holds a responsible position with D. L. Janus & Co., of Harrisburg, Pa.

HUBERT EDEON—Chi, '89—who is a chemist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been stationed during the past winter on the Calumet Plantation, near Pattersonville, St. Mary's Parish, La.

THE Pratt County (Kansas) *Register* of February 6, 1890, contained an interesting item concerning JOHN Q. ADAMS—Xi, '89:

We neglected inadvertently last week to mention the reorganization of the Board of Directors of the Pratt County National Bank. Hon. Samuel T. Howe, of Topeka, declined to serve the bank further as President, as he could not give the business the attention it demands, and the Directors selected as his successor Mr. John Q. Adams, of this city, a solid business man, and one suited to the position. The other officers remain the same, Messrs. I. E. Page and E. E. Farmer retaining, respectively, the positions of Cashier and Assistant Cashier. The affairs of the bank are reported in excellent condition, with a fair surplus on hand. Mr. Adams will devote a large portion of his time to the personal supervision of the business, and under his management we predict an era of great prosperity for the Pratt County National.

THE *Central West*, published at Omaha, Neb., contained a letter from McCormick Theological Seminary last February, in which Dr. J. H. NESBITT—Iota, '68—is mentioned as follows:

Last Tuesday evening the first lecture was given us in the special lecture course at the Seminary. This was by Dr. J. H. Nesbitt, of Oxford, Ohio. The subject was "The Preacher's Faith, as Essential to the Preacher's True Success." Dr. Nesbitt is the oldest living alumnus of this institution since its location in this city, and he very pleasantly gave us in his opening remarks reminiscences of those first years. Considering the magnitude of our Seminary at the present day, it was amusing to hear him tell us how small and insignificant it was thirty years ago and the difficulty he had in finding its location. His lecture is said to have been one of the best ever delivered here.

W. R. SATTLE—Alpha Rho, '88—has resigned his position with the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, and accepted a more lucrative one with Bartlett, Hayward & Co., Engineers, of Baltimore, Md.

C. H. MILLER—Alpha Rho, '89—is in the Government employ, having passed the Civil Service examination, as Assistant Chemist in the U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

G. EDWIN LEFEVER—Alpha Rho, '91—has become a member of the Editorial Staff of the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, 27 Park Row, New York City.

BURR W. MCINTOSH—Phi, '84—was highly complimented in the *Philadelphia Press* of April 26, for his "excellent performance of the distracted Ohioan" in "Nancy & Co.," given by the Daly Company.

WALTER M. CONNABLE—Alpha Pi, '91—is traveling in California, and expects to make a tour of South America before returning to Michigan. "Stub," as he is familiarly known, was the musical prodigy of his chapter, and is the author of several well-known selections.

SHELLY B. JONES—Alpha Pi, '88—was elected Clerk of his native town, Greenville, Mich., by a handsome majority during the recent spring elections.

A. K. LUCKEL—Alpha Rho, '87—has long been connected with the Montgomery Oil Company, of Norristown, Pa., of which he is Secretary and General Sales Agent.

W. H. HUBBARD—Alpha Rho, '88—has charge of the Westinghouse Electric Exhibit in the Equitable Building, New York City.

G. K. ANDERSON—Alpha Rho, '91—is with the People's Natural Gas Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

WE have had the pleasure of reading recently two excellent addresses delivered by ex-Grand Consul ISAAC M. JORDAN. The first was an able presentation of the "Public Life of Andrew Jackson," delivered before the Kentucky Democratic Club of Covington, Ky., January 8, 1890. The second was an eloquent eulogy of the late Hon. George H. Pendleton, delivered in Central Music Hall, Cincinnati, March 9, 1890. We wish that our space permitted us to follow the example of the *Commercial Gazette* and reproduce in full the latter. The *Commercial Gazette* prefaced the oration with these words:

His Honor, the Mayor, then conducted the orator of the day, Hon. Isaac M. Jordan, to the rostrum. Mr. Jordan's address was the effort of a master of oratory. He was the man of all men who could have done justice to his subject. The oration was delivered with all the graces of a finished elocutionist, and Mr. Jordan's silvery voice carried each word to the farthest parts of the hall. The oration was of striking literary construction, and it is given herewith in extenso.

THE Hanover (Pa.) *Herald*, of March 21, 1890, contains this good news concerning an early member of Beta Chapter:

Mr. George R. Prowell, who was threatened with a severe eye trouble, caused by close application to literary work, has nearly recovered from his affliction. This good result was obtained by traveling, and by almost entire relaxation from the use of his eyes in reading and writing during the past year. Within four years he assisted in the preparation of the History of New York County, wrote a History of Reading, the Bench and Bar and Medical History of Berks County, History of West Jersey, the Early Settlement of the Swedes on the Delaware, Bench and Bar of the State of Delaware, a History of the City of Wilmington, besides contributing numerous articles for historical magazines and the Philadelphia papers, and editing a history in three volumes of the Susquehanna and the Juniata Valleys.

For his original research and investigation he has been chosen a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Delaware State Historical Society, New Jersey Historical Society, and a corresponding member of the Massachusetts and Ohio Historical Societies.

ALEX. A. SHARP—Omicron, '88—was appointed Assignee of the Larned (Kansas) State Bank, which suspended payment March 11.

THE chance to show one's self a hero seldom comes, but when it came to **RALPH CONNABLE, JR.**—Alpha Pi, '90—he showed himself worthy of the opportunity. We cheerfully quote at length from the Benton Harbor (Mich.) *Daily Palladium*, of April 1, 1890 :

On Tuesday, March 25, there being no indication of more than a light wind, the numerous fishing tugs at St. Joseph went out to the grounds as usual. About 10 o'clock a strong wind began to blow from the southwest, increasing to a gale by noon, which lashed the water until a tremendous sea was rolling, so that the tugs dropped their nets and made for the harbor, and barely escaped being swamped.

The two tugs *Parmalee* and *Leo*, owned by R. Connable & Sons, being manned by superior picked crews from their northern fisheries, remained on the fishing grounds to finish "lifting." As the *Leo* (the last boat in) neared the mouth of the harbor about half-past three, one of her rudder chains broke, and she was immediately at the mercy of the waves, which tossed the vessel about like a mere plaything, and set her rapidly drifting towards the beach opposite Plank's Tavern, where the surf was rolling the heaviest, in which no boat could live five minutes.

Her crew could be seen, drenched by the waves and frozen by the icy blast of the gale, clinging to the sides, vainly endeavoring to regain control of the craft. The waves were so fierce that none of the several tugs lying in the harbor dared go to the rescue, as the success of such a venture was considered by all as impossible.

The several hundred people gathered on the shore were suddenly startled by four shrill whistles, the drawbridge swung open, and the staunch tug *Parmalee* came steaming out, heading for the open lake. She plunged forward into the sea, now entirely out of sight, only to rise again on the crest of the next wave, snorting and puffing, now staggered and hurled backward by the waves, to right about and drive forward the harder. The very boat seemed to realize the situation, and to be inspired by the cheers of the anxious crowd. Slowly she approached the *Leo*, now almost in the fatal breakers, a line was secured to the *Leo's* bow, and, swinging out, she forged ahead for the open lake. After a perilous struggle for nearly an hour, the *Parmalee* entered the harbor with the *Leo* in tow, amidst the cheers of the hundreds gathered on shore and wharves.

The fires in the furnace of the *Parmalee* were nearly put out at times by water pouring into the smoke stack, the boat being sometimes almost entirely buried by the waves, and only by hard work on the part of the engineer and crew were they able to keep up steam. Too much praise cannot be given to those who manned the *Parmalee*. But few boats could have accomplished what this one did. Credit is due not only to Capt. Henry Plumb, one of the bravest and most daring of seamen on the lakes, but especially to Ralph Connable, Jr., one of the owners, who hesitated not a moment to risk his life and property in the daring deed. Otherwise the *Leo* with her eight men would have perished. The rescuing crew on the *Parmalee* were Henry Plumb (captain), Ralph Connable, Jr., A. Simmons (engineer), Will Hurkitt, Herman Habel and Gus Baker.

Capt. Brown, of the *Leo*, one of the most skillful and daring of navigators, said : "I did not blow my whistle, as I would neither ask nor expect any boat to come to my rescue in such a storm. I never want to run those chances again. Our escape was as miraculous as drawing a prize in the Louisiana lottery."

Both boats are owned by R. Connable & Sons, the fish shippers of Petooskey, Mich., and Chicago, and were wintered here to begin the early spring fishing. Mr. Connable says he will remain here till the boats are able to force their way through the ice to their principal fishing grounds at Petooskey, Mich. May good luck attend them.

Marriages.

ELMER B. MARTIN—Alpha Zeta, '89—was married to Miss Cora Heffron at Beloit, Wis., March 19, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are now residing at Denver, Colo.

E. W. TERRY—Alpha Omicron, '86—was married last July, and is now residing at San Antonio, Texas, where he is connected with the wholesale drug firm of Dreiss, Thompson & Co.

DR. C. A. ARMSTRONG—Alpha Lambda, '86—was married to Miss Mate Sprague, at Cortland, Neb., on May 5, 1890. He is now living at Boscobel, Wis., where he is practicing medicine.

● **Obituary.**

We clip from the Danville (Va.) *Daily Register* the following sketch of the life of EUGENE H. SCHOOLFIELD—Gamma Gamma, '81—who died in that city February 22, 1890 :

Eugene Harrell Schoolfield, son of John H. and Susan B. Schoolfield, was born in Henry County, September 30, 1864. After the usual preparation in a private school, he entered Randolph-Macon College in 1878, and remained there three years. Away from home, young Schoolfield did not forget the careful religious training he had received at the hands of pious parents in the home circle, and it was therefore no surprise to those who knew him when it was announced that he was among a number of college boys who had made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

After leaving Randolph-Macon, Mr. Schoolfield went to the Poughkeepsie Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and graduated from that institution about the time his father moved from Henry County to Danville. Here he accepted a position in the mercantile house of W. T. Clark & Co., and remained there until he decided to go in the tobacco business with his father. Two years ago the concern of Schoolfield & Watson was formed to succeed J. H. Schoolfield in the manufacture of tobacco, the senior member of the firm being the subject of this sketch, and in this position he acquired a business reputation that any man might be proud of. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Tobacco Board of Trade, and took a lively interest in the affairs of the association.

Mr. Schoolfield was a young man of decided character, of spotless integrity, unswerving piety, a conscientious and systematic church worker, and it is rare that one so young and so modest and retiring as he was known to be, takes so important a part in the work of the church.

The following resolutions were passed by Gamma Gamma Chapter :

SIGMA CHI HALL OF GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER,
February 24, 1890.

WHEREAS, God in His Omniscience has seen fit to take our brother, Eugene H. Schoolfield, from his family and the Sigma Chi Fraternity ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death Sigma Chi has lost one of her best members, and Gamma Gamma one of her most honored alumni.

Resolved, That we, the members of Gamma Gamma Chapter, tender our sympathy to his bereaved family, and that each member wear the badge of mourning for the usual time.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be entered upon the minutes of the Chapter, and that they be published in the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY.

S. C. STARKE,
T. R. FREEMAN,
W. R. OLD,
Committee.

DR. HARRY P. SAFFORD—Beta, '79—died at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., February 27, 1890. Said the *Saratoga Sun* :

Dr. Harry Price Safford, for many years connected with the business and medical staff of Drs. Strong's Sanitarium, died suddenly of apoplexy last Thursday morning, February 27. About one year ago he sustained a slight stroke of this dread disease, but he seemed to have not only rallied, but to have entirely recovered, after spending several months in rest and travel, during which he visited Europe and the Paris Exposition. Upon the morning stated he was found dead in his bed. There was not the slightest indication that he had suffered any pain or undergone any struggle whatever, everything betokening that his earthly sleep had passed, without his consciousness, into eternal rest. Relatives and friends were at once notified, but as some of them were at a considerable distance, the funeral was postponed until Sunday afternoon, when the services were held at the private residence of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Strong, the uncle and aunt of the deceased. They were conducted by Rev. James Eells, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Safford had been a member for several years, assisted by Rev. S. S. Strong, M.D., Rev. D. W. Gates, and Rev. Henry M. Simpson. The burial took place in Greenridge.

Harry Price Safford was a young man of bright intellect and rare gifts and graces of character. He was the son of the Rev. Jefferson Price Safford, D.D., a distinguished minister of the Presbyterian church, who likewise died of apoplexy a few years since, his mother being Cornelia Mary Ray, daughter of the late Hon. James

M. Ray, of Indianapolis. He was born at Piqua, Ohio, where his father was pastor of the Presbyterian Church, January 31, 1858. His childhood and youth were passed at Piqua, New Albany, Ind., and Zanesville, Ohio. His father was a ripe scholar and took great interest in the education of his children. After passing through the public schools, the subject of this sketch entered Wooster University, but left before graduation, and took his degree at Lake Forest University, near Chicago. Having a strong inclination toward the study of medicine, he began it at Vanderbilt University, near Nashville, Tenn., where he became an inmate of the family of his uncle, James Safford, who held one of the professorships. Before completing his course, however, he accepted an offer from his uncle, Dr. S. E. Strong, and since 1880 he has been identified with Dr. Strong's Sanitarium, where his skill, courtesy and fidelity made him universally popular with guests and patients, and gained for him the highest esteem and confidence of his employers. He completed his studies, and received his diploma as Doctor of Medicine, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and afterward took a post-graduate course devoted principally to his chosen specialties, diseases of the eye, ear and throat, and he gave every promise of achieving a high rank in his profession.

For many years Dr. Safford had been a professing Christian, and he connected himself with the Second Presbyterian Church soon after coming to Saratoga. He declined an election as Superintendent of the Sunday School, but served a term as President of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. He was fond of society, and was a social favorite, but he was too much devoted to his work to allow himself much time for the pleasures of the drawing-room. In his own home he was a charming companion, bright, witty, of invincible cheerfulness, and with one of the noblest, most generous hearts that ever a man devoted to giving happiness to everybody around him.

CONCERNING the death of REV. CHARLES HASKELL JOHNSTON—Beta, '78 :

The Rev. Charles Haskell Johnston died at North Baltimore on February 5, 1890. He was the only son of the Rev. Thomas P. Johnston, of Lima, Ohio, who is widely known in the northern part of the State as an able preacher and wise presbyter.

Charles H. Johnston was born January 31, 1855, in Mercer County, Pa., where his father was pastor of a Presbyterian Church. He, with his father's family removed to Lima, Ohio, in 1858, which was his home until he was an ordained minister. He united with the church under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Kemper, at Lima, when about eighteen years of age. After passing through the usual course of classical and theological study at Wooster University and the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, he was licensed by the Pittsburgh Presbytery in 1881. He married Miss Mary Belle Smith, then of Wooster, the daughter of Mr. George B. Smith, on the 25th day of April, 1883, and immediately proceeded to Texas as a Home Missionary, and was ordained at Decatur, Tex., in November, 1883, by the Presbytery of North Texas. He labored in Texas for four years, with gratifying success in his work, but was compelled to return North in consequence of the ill health of his wife. He at once entered upon the pastoral charge of the churches of North Baltimore and Van Buren, where the remainder of his life was spent in the earnest service of the Master. He was attacked with la grippe on Sunday, January 19, and it soon developed into bronchial pneumonia, and he peacefully fell asleep at the dawning of the day, February 5, 1890, leaving a wife and daughter. He was faithful in all his relations. He loved truth and truthfulness. He exercised charity toward everyone. He was earnest in his desires and efforts to win souls to Christ. As husband, son, brother, pastor, friend and comrade he was true, and was loved and respected by everyone who knew him. It seemed that he was needed here, but to depart and be with Christ is far better, and some day we will understand his going.

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REGINALD FENDALL.

IN the last issue of *THE QUARTERLY* the Editor remarked that the purpose which should be paramount in the publication of the biographies of alumni should be the desire "to familiarize the members of the fraternity with the character and life-work of its noblest specimens of manhood, who have been at the same time its most devoted adherents." Under this category may be classed very properly Mr. Reginald Fendall, the President of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Fendall was born in the City of Washington, D.C., on the 6th day of March, 1845. He was the sixth son of the late Philip R. Fendall, LL.D., a distinguished lawyer of that city, and a typical gentleman of the old school, one whom native Washingtonians delight to remember as an example of a type famous for its courtesy of manner and dignity of carriage, combined with the utmost simplicity of character and purity of life. The early school days of Mr. Fendall were passed at the academy of Prof. O. C. Wight, and there he remained until the year 1860, when he entered the Preparatory Department of the Columbian University of the District of Columbia. After passing his examination for the Freshman class, he devoted his vacation to such diligent study, that when the classes were organized in the following September he was able to enter as Sophomore, thus by his ambition, diligence and application shortening his course one year. During his whole collegiate life he was a faithful and earnest student; he led his class upon graduation, and was selected by his mates to deliver the valedictory,—a duty coveted by all, not only as an honorable one in itself, but as indicating the esteem and good will of class-mates for the valedictorian. After graduation he taught for one year in the University, continuing at the same time his own studies, and receiving at the ensuing commencement the degree of *A.M. in cursu*,—not a mere compliment in his case, but a reward worked for and earned. Mr. Fendall then entered upon the study of law in his father's office, and to his close association with that father he doubtless owes many of those traits of personal character which have made him so many and so warm friends. He attended lectures

also during this period at the Law Department of the University, and graduated from that department in 1868, whereupon he at once began the practice of his profession in his native city, and soon attained a prominent position at the bar.

As a lawyer he is noted for his careful research and for his accurate judgment ; much more than all this, his professional and personal character are of the highest type. When last year it became necessary to appoint commissioners, under the provisions of an Act of Congress, to compile all existing laws obtaining in the District of Columbia, the Supreme Court of the District selected Mr. Fendall as one of the men eminently qualified to discharge this difficult and important duty. The respect and esteem felt for him by his brother lawyers is shown by the fact that at the last annual meeting of the Bar Association of the District he was elected by a practical unanimity of voice as its President. The press of his native city at that time echoed the voice of his brother lawyers. "In the selection of Reginald Fendall as President of the Bar Association of this city, the members of that representative organization have honored both Mr. Fendall and themselves. For many years Mr. Fendall has been one of the leading practitioners in Washington, and has achieved success by honorable conduct, unremitting industry, and regard for the interests of his clients. He is very popular, both in the legal circle and among his many friends out of the profession, and adds to his numerous abilities a gift of language which makes him an eloquent and effective pleader."*

When, a year ago, the anomalous position of his native city as a municipality, with the Nation's Congress as its only municipal legislature, rendered necessary the formation of a committee of one hundred citizens to protect and promote its interests, Mr. Fendall was without opposition, rather by acclamation, selected as the proper person to be the chairman of this committee of leading and representative citizens, and upon the expiration of his first term of office was again chosen. Much of his time and energy are devoted to charitable and kindred objects. He is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Garfield Memorial Hospital, and a director of several other benevolent and charitable institutions.

Mr. Fendall entered the Sigma Chi Fraternity in the year 1864, being a charter member, and the first President (Consul) of "Old Epsilon." His interest in and zeal for the fraternity has never abated, and it is to him that the organization of Epsilon Alumni Chapter mainly owes its success ; he was elected its first President, and in February last was unanimously re-elected President.

* *Washington Post.*

The Sigma Chi Fraternity may well feel proud that after a lapse of over a quarter of a century such alumni as Chauncey B. Ripley and Reginald Fendall still take a deep interest in the affairs of the fraternity, and it should be a source of gratification to the fraternity that alumni chapters of the East have such honorable men at the head, for by their noble examples they will give life and energy to the active members and younger alumni in the fraternity.

Washington, D. C., June, 1890.

ROBERT FARNHAM, M.D.,

Epsilon, '64.

SIGMA CHI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA IN ANTE-BELLUM TIMES AND UNTIL 1868.

Psi Chapter was lettered Rho in its organization prior to the 10th of December, 1860, by Brother George Washington Williams, of Virginia, a law student from Dickinson College (Omicron Chapter), Carlisle, Pennsylvania. On the 4th of December, 1860, Brothers Williams and S. D. Palmer, of South Carolina, initiated me; and afterward, they—Jas. P. Sykes, of Mississippi, and P. B. Waters, of South Carolina; myself, of Mississippi, and Wm. M. Perkins, of Virginia, were initiated and mentioned as charter members in the catalogue of 1870. That catalogue erroneously states the date of organization to be the 10th of December, 1860. The date of my initiation is fixed by my diary, then carefully kept, which says:

“Tuesd., 4th [Dec., 1860]. A little epoch in my college life. This night I have joined the Sigma Chi (ΣX) Society, and have been admitted into its secrets, etc. This is as far as my oath will let me go. Suffice it that I am much pleased, and that I would not exchange either my literary or [my] secret societies for any here, or anywhere else. * * * We walked over a mile [a task for a young Southerner accustomed to his saddle horse for much shorter distances, brought to him by his black ‘body servant’] to the hall—where [it is] I won’t tell.”

But I will now mention it, as such extreme secrecy is no longer required, and more reasonable rules adopted. The “hall” was a barren litter room in the old brick tenement-house, on the west side of the street, near the railroad station in Charlottesville, illuminated by one (it may have been with two) wretched tallow candles, set on a rude pine table, and without fire in the dreary open fire-place. It was a chilly night, close on to 12 o’clock. I had met Brother Evan J. Shelby, that gallant soldier, killed at Mt. Carmel, Tenn., November 24, 1864. He was a descendant of the Shelys of revolutionary days. We met on the Mississippi River. We were bound, he to the University of Mississippi (Eta Chapter), and I as matriculate to the University of Virginia, a beardless and enthusiastic lad of 17 years. Knowing my family, as we hailed from adjoining counties (Bolivar and Washington), and being a loyal Sig, he gave me a letter addressed “To the Gentlemen of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, University of Virginia.” Knowing no persons in the University, on my arrival I mailed the letter. On an evening soon afterward, I was approached in the dark by Brother Williams, who frankly informed me that he was a Sigma Chi, and the recipient of

Brother Shelby's letter, in which he highly recommended me as a member of the order, and it had approved. Having learned something of the Greek Letter Societies, I felt greatly flattered, and accepted. Grand visions arising from the rumors of what was done on initiation by the Masons and Odd Fellows, of which my predecessors had been prominent members, I was surprised and disappointed ; but I was taught what was meant by the cabalistic letters in Greek text borne upon the badge pinned upon my youthful breast, and the principles upon which they and the rules of the order were founded, and at once gave my heart and hand to the fraternity, which it has ever since held, despite and above all other orders to which I have belonged.

The few then in the chapter placed their shoulders to the wheel, and by spring-time—about the time of the firing upon Fort Sumpter, in April, 1861—we had nineteen members, composed of those among the most respectable students in the grand old University of the Old Dominion,—“the mother of states and statesmen.” Of these I know of nine who were gallant Confederate officers and soldiers ; and I doubt not that the remainder fought bravely for what they deemed to be their political prosperity and race rights. I beg to omit myself from these praises, taking whatever may be justly said for or against me by friend and foe.

The civil war not only decimated this chapter and all others in the South, but also my grand old *Alma Mater* and every other institution of learning there. As a class, the college boys of the South flew with devoted bravery to its defense ; and as far as I have been able to learn by inquiries for a quarter of a century, I learn that the Sigma Chis were second to none in alacrity and pertinacity. On the other hand, I learn that it was the same with their Northern brethren : and I am informed that the younger ones who constituted the Northern chapters, which as their colleges existed, continued during the war, kept watch of the trains and prisons for their destitute Southern brethren who were prisoners of war, and showed their nobility by doing all in their power as true brothers to relieve their sufferings. And I do know that at the Convention of 1866 at Washington, the first after the surrender, they treated brother Jas. P. Sykes and myself, the only representatives from the South, with such hearty brotherly love and welcome as prevented us from spending a cent—our expenses of the smallest being paid by them before we had an opportunity to do so. We were affectionately saddled with a sort of Siamese-twins of gratitude and embarrassment from which we could find no means of relief. But I suppose brother Sykes experienced as I did a glinting of guilty relief, as we, like most Southern students at that time, were on regular Confederate rations in a financial sense ; and I remember that I had to borrow the few dollars necessary to take me

to and from the capital, and that the kind old cashier of the Monticello Bank actually loaned \$25 to me without taking as collateral my *offered* gold watch, a present from my father. These nineteen youths (myself excepted) were a jolly, but not a viciously jolly, set. They experienced the wisdom of the principles upon which the Father of the Declaration of Independence had founded their *Alma Mater*, the first *University in fact* and not in name only. The chief three fundamental principles were: (1) that there was no *curriculum*,—no mould for all minds—every student selected his own studies; and (2) if he wanted a degree he had to be proficient in certain of them, and to receive any diploma was a question of proficiency and not his number of sessions; (3) every student, however young, was treated not as a school-boy but as a grown man, and was treated as, and required to be, a gentleman. The result was that there was an unwritten code of good manners among them which self-respect required them to maintain.

The Greek Letter fraternities were originated about 1776 at "Old William and Mary"; and the soil of the "Old South," so joyous and hospitable, was favorable to such organizations and they flourished there. May they, and especially that whose ensign is the white cross, ever flourish over all of our great land and increase in its work for civilization.

HARRY S. DIXON, *Psi*, '66.

Fresno, Cal., June 15, 1890.

A PRACTICAL QUESTION.

THE active, busy life of this latter half of the nineteenth century produces a great variety of questions, that aim to investigate methods, and, in some measure, to determine results. Not a few of such queries have to do with the relations of education to every-day existence, and the inquisitive inquirer prys persistently into the very *sanctum sanctorum* of the educational systems. These Paul Pry's are not always actuated by the best of motives, nor are they always competent to conduct their researches. The too frequent evidence of a lack of wisdom and of good judgment has closed avenues of investigation against such self-constituted committees of one, or more, but a better understanding has taken the place of repugnant dislike, and hence, the one investigated and the one investigating are mutually benefitted.

There is one question that is being asked to-day, with something of curiosity to know the truth, and something of determination to discover it. Is a College education advantageous to a business man, or to a student intending, on graduation or sooner, to enter some branch of trade? There is a considerable degree of divergence in the expression of opinion. Some would have us believe, without further inquiry, that the only possible answer to the interrogation is a negative. Among the number of such men there is a large representation of our successful business men in America. Mr. Joseph Wharton, of the city of Philadelphia, in an address before the Wharton School of Finance of that city, not long since, declared his positive belief to be, that a very small portion of the successful business men of this country have been College graduates; and a very small portion of the College graduates are successful business men.

It is extremely doubtful whether everybody is willing or ready to accept the dictum of this gentleman on this question without, at least, some modification. There are likewise many who hold to the contrary opinion. Only a few weeks ago hundreds of the best and finest of the young men of this country, full of earnest faith and strong resolve, well equipped in body and brain for the endeavors of future life, have gone out into the realities of practical work. It is difficult, perhaps, to determine just how many of these are looking forward to a business career. They are met on the threshold with this staggering and dogmatic statement that shatters many a fond hope,—if the assertion is true that a College course is of no account to a business man. Then all the years' work is a failure; worse than a waste. Not so fast. There is something else to be said,—more than can be well said in the neces-

sary limits of this paper. If this statement be true, why do business men send their sons to College—men who, peradventure, look to see their sons in the store or office in the near future, assisting in the bearing of the burdens, sharing the anxieties and partaking of the joy of the successes of that business? Does not, indeed, the attendance of these bright, capable young fellows upon the work of our best Colleges declare the abiding belief of their fathers in the efficacy of a College course, as a most capital preparation for future business life? Is not this fact a sufficient answer to the question?

Nor must some other facts be left out of consideration. There has been in the recent history of education, in this country, a most decided change from the narrow and the superficial. The practical, apart from the theoretical, is having a larger recognition and place in the schemes of mental training for the youth. Enough has been developed in this gradual transition to show that those on whom rests the responsibility for proper and thorough educational methods are alive to the requirements for success in these latter days. Enough has been disclosed to enable such educators to reconstruct when necessary, and to adapt courses of study to those requirements. This wisdom, this capacity, that have been so worked out through necessity, as it were,—of the men who control our Colleges and Universities, men of widened experience, earnestness and sense,—this wisdom and this capacity are potent forces, valuable forces to the solving of the questions of the relation of educational work to practical life, with a result that assures this land of ours of a wonderful impetus towards the very best possessions, from those who are College graduates, and who are to be found in every department of endeavor.

Then, let it be also remarked, that the fault of a want of business tact most frequently lies, not in the method of education, but in the man. There are some whose latent energies will develop under the instruction so as to fit them for wide usefulness as men of affairs. There are others who are not possessed of powers, latent or active, that adapt them for a business life. These make eminent successes in other departments, where your business men will make miserable failures. Said President Carter, "It would be possible, doubtless, to show a large number of College graduates who, on leaving College, seemed unpractical and helpless. Very likely some of them were very good scholars in College. But it does not follow that if they had pursued a course of study, the best adapted to prepare for business that successful business men could prescribe, they would not, on its completion, have been equally helpless. The helplessness may be in the composition of the man."

Indeed, we may well say that the various factors of a College education, when rightly arranged and used, must necessarily be helpful to a man who is to have large control of affairs. The proper employment of the marvellous opportunities of any approved College course cannot be valueless to him who fully appreciates their worth as means to an end,—that end being, first, to acquit himself well, as an American citizen, in the line of the noble heritage that has fallen to him, and secondly to acquit himself well, as a man, in the extent of years that come to him, in whatever responsibilities of life he may find himself. A broad and liberal training will do much to help a man in the avenue of trade, will humanize him, in a wonderful way. He need not lose his touch with the past College studies, for these should have prepared him to branch out into further search for mental stimulus and development. There are not a few men who, even in business, have kept up the Greek and other studies of the College with excellent results.

Let no Sigma Chi graduate of '90, who proposes to enter business, regret or despise his College course. Look well to yourself. You have it in your power to prove the exceeding value of your preparatory course, for every College course is that. The training of your faculties to meet the problems of the class-room and the study was designed to be a mighty help to you in the midst of the new problems of store and office. Let your personal touch with men, your presence among them, be a token of the wisdom of your College work, and a pledge of your greater and wider usefulness to the world.

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WHY WE EXIST.

In my fraternity life, I never found any substantial agreement among fraternity men as to why the fraternity exists. Of course there are vague mystical references to the Greek mysteries, Egyptian priest-hoods and the like; but, as a matter of fact, we have no historical connection with these. The college fraternity is essentially modern, and so far as I know, essentially American. Its origin and growth are such as to show a demand for its existence. It is essentially collegiate, and its alumna branch rarely has much real living connection with the original stalk. To many graduates it becomes a reminiscence, a gentle memory, a poem woven from the illusions of youth, of early hope, of generous friendships. If it were nothing more than this, fraternities would die instead of flourish. There could be no place for them in the rush of American life.

The fraternity is substantially undergraduate. It is vitally and organically connected with the American college life. It is not elsewhere to be found. It has nothing in common with the secret societies of a benevolent character. It does not arise from the same needs, nor supply the same wants. There is no observed tendency of the college fraternity to grow toward the general secret society. The members of the college fraternities are not more frequently found in the benevolent orders than other men. In spite of all the effort and money spent in trying to develop the Alumni branch, the thing seems to be contrary to nature, and in all its vital functions and living growth, to remain thoroughly and permanently undergraduate. The Alumni constitute the trunk of the tree, but the growing point is at the tip ends of the branches and the roots, where the undergraduate life is actively at work, adding to the organism.

Many undergraduates regard the fraternity as a social club. There is no harm in this view, except that it is not true. Young men away from home attending college have very little time, in fact none at all, for what is known in cities as club life. Club rooms of the social sort imply leisure hours, a lack of occupation, a part of each day for loafing and lounging, for town gossip and a friendly smoke, an evening at whist, an afternoon at billiards. Our college fraternities, as we know them in the West, have little in common with the city club. The need and the desire of the collegian does not call to any extent for club life. In fact, among the best men there is no such need and desire at all while in college. It is entirely outside the channel of their lives.

Without taking more time to point out what a fraternity is not, let us consider what it is. Some future historian, studying these times in a scientific spirit, and finding records which proved the existence in American colleges of these fraternities, not isolated, like social clubs, each confined to its particular college, but running through all the colleges in all the land, would be struck by it as a curious phenomenon. He would readily differentiate it from benevolent orders and from city clubs, and would at once treat it as an outgrowth, an element of college life, the cause of which was to be found in the American college movement itself.

The American college movement is easily understood. It is a part, and perhaps the most important part, of that attempt on the part of the nineteenth century to extend the cause of culture. It is realized by this age that if we would remove ourselves farther from the anthropoid and the savage, it is done by extending, carrying forward the cause of culture. In these days the words intellectual and spiritual are to be found in use by the same people. They are found to represent the upward side of human nature, that part of the soul which is turned toward the sky and away from the animal. They represent the aspiration and the faculty which cries out for the true, the beautiful and the good, as against superstition, sensualism and savagery. The fraternity must take its place in the catalogue of the instruments of culture. It is called into existence by the demand for culture. Its members consist of young persons who are consecrating their early years to the cause of culture. It is as distinctly an instrument of culture as the class room, the black board or the lecture platform. It belongs to the same category. It works by different methods, but it belongs to the same group of social phenomena.

It is part of the world's settled knowledge that culture is more actively advanced by personal contact than in any other way. The social talents, social relations, are found to be as fruitful for the advancement, the regeneration of the individual, as they are for his destruction. Good companions improve a boy just as evil companions spoil him. At no time in life are the social instincts so strong, so sympathetic, so active as in youth. Nowhere are they to be found more actively at work than among undergraduates. This great instinct, these great relations, these associations, in college life, it has been found, are too valuable to be wasted in mere sentiment, in mere miscellaneous, undirected, accidental efforts. The fraternity is an attempt to systematize these social relationships, regulate them, make them permanent, concentrate them in the case of a man with too large and thin an acquaintance, enlarge them in the case of a fellow too selfish and solitary in his habits.

Speaking practically, what a help most of us found the fraternity to be as an element of our culture in college. Who of us can tell the debt we owe to the older members of the chapter, who instead of being isolated from us by iron divisions of class, were cordially accessible to us, became our leaders, our advisers and friends? Countless reforms of manner, improvements in dress, refinements in speech, may be traced to the social contact of the fraternity brothers with each other. Many a man has been placed upon the right track in his reading or speech-making by the unconscious lessons of association from his fellows. In the fraternity halls the torch has been passed from hand to hand. No heart or brain is left cold or dead, but the sparks from the neighbor's fire are applied to it again and again, to encourage it too to blaze and flame, if there is any stuff in it at all. This may sound like theory. We are distrustful nowadays of a fellow who claims to speak of the philosophy of the thing. There is so much cheap philosophy, there are so many false prophets. But it seems to me that no impartial student of the phenomena of college life can successfully deny that the great reason, end and aim of the college fraternity is the extension of culture, of college culture, of the cause of the true, the beautiful and the good along the lines and by means of regulated, systematized, organized social relations.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL ;

ITS RELATION TO THE COMMON SCHOOLS AND HIGHER INSTITUTIONS.

IN our complicated and rather ill-defined American system of education, the High School occupies a place peculiar to itself. Each year that position grows more definite, and is occupied with greater strength and confidence. What is the relation of the High School to the great common school system? How does the influence of the colleges and Universities act upon it, and how does it react upon them? What principles must be applied and maintained in the arrangement of its curriculum? The American High School is and must ever be the College of the people; that is to say, it must devote itself largely to the right development of that large portion of its students whose scholastic training will end when they graduate from its halls. While resolutely refusing to attempt work that properly belongs to the higher institutions and technical schools, it must give to these boys and girls that kind of information, and train them in those qualities of mind and character that shall make of them loyal citizens of the republic, and fit them to place their sons and daughters upon a higher physical, intellectual, and moral plane than that upon which they themselves have been born. It must form the culmination of our great common school system, which is not for any class but for the masses. It must reach down with its influence and lift them up. It must make itself looked up to by teacher and pupils as the goal toward which the latter are working, and thus stimulate both to greater exertion. It must project the influence of the university into the common schools by implanting the systematic thought, trained action, and well directed enthusiasm of its university trained teachers in its own pupils, from whose ranks the teachers in the common schools are largely drawn. Until the High School succeeds in this it will fail of its greatest mission. It is already in line with this great work, and ultimately success is assured. It is keeping the advantages of education before the people by sending forth each year its troop of graduates to occupy positions of usefulness and responsibility in their midst, and is becoming a constant and irresistible power for elevating and refining the whole community.

But this is not the whole duty of the High School. Besides those who never go further, there is another portion of its students, far smaller numerically, but not less important, who, because of better fortune or greater intellectual power and ambition, will pass on to the universities and technical schools to develop themselves there for a higher and

broader field of usefulness. Such will become the more educated and refined classes, the leaders in the truest sense in professional, economic and social life, and in the intellectual and moral growth of the people. Thanks to our material prosperity and steady growth of national soul, this class is constantly augmenting, and the highest function of the High School is so to shape its course as to be more efficient in recruiting it from the ranks of the other and large class of its students.

We have both classes under our instruction ; and, while first doing all we can for those who will never have the benefit of higher institutions and better instructors, it must be our constant aim to create a thirst for higher education in a larger proportion of our young men and young women. Upon the degree to which we are able to do this will depend our influence in putting our civilization and morality upon a higher and broader plane, and in developing all that is best and purest in our national character. In a high school, then, with these aims in view, the course must be arranged, and the studies so chosen, as at the same time to fit the pupils for action in the immediate struggle for success, and to arouse in as many as possible the desire for better things in education while bringing them to the maturity of thought and judgment necessary to grasping and using the best means for higher training that come within reach. The best course to secure one of these results is also best to secure the other ; and in such a course properly conducted scientific study forms a very important part. Without such training the mind can become broad and well balanced only with the greatest difficulty, and through such high endowments as few are fortunate enough to inherit.

The power to observe, discriminate and classify, to imagine, to reason and judge, these and others must all be developed in due proportion to secure the best mental power and efficiency, just as all muscles of the body must be nourished and developed in due proportion to secure the best physical power and efficiency. No single study or class of studies will give this proportional development, any more than a single article of food will nourish all the organs of the body, or a single exercise develop all its muscles. A given study may develop all the faculties, each to a certain extent ; but if only a single line is followed a few of the mental powers will be greatly developed, while others will languish by reason of insufficient stimulation and exercise. Each study is best adapted to strengthen a single range of faculties, because it exercises them more than it does others. Feed a boy nothing but potatoes and rice, and you make him fat and keep him warm ; but you starve his brains, his muscles become flabby, and his bones grow soft. Confine his mental energies exclusively to language study, and you may make

him glib of tongue, very critical in discriminating forms of words, but a slave to books and authority, without power of observing facts or reasoning upon them, of originating new thoughts, or of getting old ones from original sources, and putting them in new relations. Let him have mathematics alone, and he will learn to reason; but he will see little of what goes on around him, and be able to express his thoughts with the greatest difficulty. Therefore, a mixed and properly regulated diet of studies is as necessary to a growing mind as a properly assorted supply of viands or a wisely chosen set of exercises to the growing body.

Science study, scientifically conducted, has, in the education of every boy and girl, a place that can be filled by nothing else. It is the study of the phenomena of matter and motion, upon which our vital processes, and even our thoughts, are directly dependent. A course of study is crippled without it. Hemmed in absolutely, as the mind is by the limitations of the body, the senses are to us the gateway of all knowledge. Every idea that we possess can be clearly shown to depend directly or indirectly upon the appreciation by the senses of some physical phenomena—some form of matter or phase of motion. There is nothing in the physical universe but matter and motion; and their phenomena and laws can only be known by the senses, and through observation and experiment, or by deduction from the results of observation and experiment. Without language we cannot reason nor entertain any but the most elementary concepts. A language is a collection of audible or written signs corresponding to ideas, which, traced to their ultimate sources, will be found to originate in the sense-perception of some physical phenomenon. No one knows this better than the psychologist, who is continually hampered by having to use words with material meanings, to express thoughts of things of the soul, which are immaterial. The result is, that all our language, when not referring directly to phenomena purely physical, is more or less figurative or symbolical; and therefore the power to use and appreciate it is dependent upon the thorough appreciation of the qualities of material objects. It is this that science training gives; and unless the student possesses it the study of dead languages and of the thoughts of classical writers, however great and noble, will do but little for him. No further proof of this fact need be cited than that contained in a comparison of the condition of Europe during the Middle Ages, when Greek and Latin were the substance of education, with that since the time of Francis Bacon and the rise of modern science. I do not mean to say that we can originate no ideas without the direct aid of the sense; it is true, however, that to have ideas about immaterial things, the material knowledge must previously exist in the mind, and

there must be a vocabulary of words that were originally either directly applied to material objects and physical acts, or were derived ultimately from words or acts immediately depending upon physical phenomena for their accomplishment. When so conducted as to give the pupil opportunities for dealing with the material objects himself, of handling, observing and experimenting, of drawing inferences from his own data and results, of discriminating and classifying by means of his own investigations, science study is of transcendent value. It gives the student the power and habit of narrowly observing phenomena. It teaches him to discriminate the essential from the incidental, and get at the heart of things. It enables him to appreciate and utilize language in the acquisition of higher knowledge. It teaches him to reason from the known to the unknown, and originate ideas. It is originators, not imitators, that we want. "The Chinaman must go," says the Irishman; but when the Irishman becomes as good an originator as the Chinaman is an imitator, there will be room in this country for both. Without laboratory work science study is worthless, except in so far as it stores up in the brain a certain amount of information which is almost valueless, because the possessor has not been trained to use it. Original investigation is the key-note sounded by the advocates of Science in Education, and with it every real advance in educational method has been brought into harmony. In mathematics, the progressive teacher requires the pupil to work out original problems. In history he must investigate questions independently from many books and records. In the study of classical writing he is encouraged to find for himself lights from history, geography and archæology, to illuminate the idioms and make clear the nice shades of thought. In literature study he is expected to read for himself the works of the author studied, and not be content with reading about them in a text-book. Mathematics now hold an honorable place in the curriculum of the American High School. Their value in strengthening the reasoning powers, and training in habits of logical deduction and accurate definition, is universally appreciated. It seems to be agreed by all that the amount of time given them in the programs of high schools, is a just and right allotment.

There is, however, a great difference of opinion as to the amount of time that should be devoted to the study of Latin and Greek. Till within a few years these time honored tongues had it all their own way. Taking advantage of their pre-eminence in the Middle Ages, when all learning was locked up in them, they have, until lately, engaged a larger share of effort, on the part of secondary students and collegians, than their importance and educational value in this age would entitle them to. In order to fit for the class-

ical college or the classical course in the university, the student must spend nearly two-thirds of his time on Latin and Greek. Until lately it was customary to require two-thirds of his time in college upon the same studies. It is not within the scope and purpose of this essay to review the battle that has been waged between Science on the one hand, claiming recognition, and Greek and Latin on the other, refusing to give that recognition. The smoke of that battle is lifting, and the results are in full view. A comparison of college catalogues of to-day, with those of an earlier date, will show that, in general, recognition has been gained by science, but in a way not altogether satisfactory. The elective system has grown up as a result of this battle, and has been carried to such an extent that it has thrown our system of education into chaos.

Instead of having a first course, in which the classics predominate to an undue extent, our young men and women can now choose any one of a number of courses just as narrow, in which some line of science predominates; or they can be free to make up a course of whatever studies they may happen to like best. This condition of things is indicative of progress; but there is a large element of danger in it. The danger lies in the tendency, everywhere apparent, to make specialists, either in dead languages, or in some line of applied science, before making men and women. This tendency has reached down into the high schools, and, as a result, many of them have several courses in order to meet the rigid requirements of the several special higher courses. This is a direct blow at the main purpose of the high school. Instead of making its training broad and well balanced, as far as it goes, it cramps the acquisition of the individual student into narrow limits, and makes him a tool instead of an engine. It has been well said, that the ideally educated man is he who knows a little of a great many things, and much of one. One should have an education as liberal as his time will allow, before beginning to specialize; then when he does pursue a special line of studies, he will not lose his breadth of intellect, and will work with a better mastery of the scope and importance of his own specialty. He will be not an electrician, an engineer, or a linguist, but a MAN engaging in electrical engineering or literary work. Let the course of the high school, then, be a fixed one, which all shall pursue to the end, subject to exceptions only in exceptional cases, when the good of a scholar seems to demand it. Let the right of those who will never go farther be respected, and do not degrade the high school into a fitting school for special courses. Do not try to teach trades; but educate the mind, the heart and the soul as broadly, as thoroughly as possible, and by every means available. The colleges have this matter

much in their power. They ought not to require a more uniform amount of work in the different lines. Language we must have,—at least one Ancient and one Modern, besides our own. It is necessary to have the former to gain a thorough mastery over our own language; but we must not have all language or all science in the High School. The one-sided results of this tendency might be balanced in college; but the majority of the scholars never go to college.

Let the colleges, then, have fixed curricula for the first year; then allow the liberty of election to increase during each of the succeeding years. Let them require a certain minimum of language, mathematics and science, of each student who gets a degree; then let them make their science and language requirements for *admission* more nearly equal. This will necessitate a reduction in the time spent on Latin and Greek in the High School. It would appear to the writer that three years of Latin and two of German, would be a fair amount of those studies for the High School course. Greek might well be left to the colleges, since only a few will need it; and if those few were to spend that time on science, they would be able to omit enough of the time devoted to science in college, to make up for the extra year or more that they would have to devote, while there, to Greek. The following schedule is submitted as a tentative scheme, looking in the direction indicated by this essay:

FIRST YEAR.

First Term—Latin, 4; English, 1; German, 4; Algebra, 5; Physical Geography, 1.
Second Term—Latin, 4; English, 1; German, 4; Algebra, 5; Physical Geography, 1.
Third Term—Latin, 4; English, 1; German, 4; Algebra, 5; Physical Geography, 1.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term—Latin, 4; English, 1; German, 4; Geometry, 5; Physical Geography, 1.
Second Term—Latin, 4; English, 1; German, 4; Geometry, 5; Physical Geography, 1.
Third Term—Latin, 4; English, 1; German, 4; Geometry, 5; Physical Geography, 1.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term—Latin, 4; German, 1; Chemistry, 5; English, 5.
Second Term—Latin, 4; German, 1; Chemistry, 5; English, 5.
Third Term—Latin, 4; German, 1; Chemistry, 5; English, 5.

FOURTH YEAR.

First Term—Latin, 8; History, 2; Physics, 5; English, 5.
Second Term—Latin, 8; History, 2; Physics, 5; English, 5.
Third Term—Latin, 8; History, 2; Physics, 5; English, 5.

It will be seen that the number of different subjects is here somewhat reduced; but it is thought that a few subjects well done, will give a better training and more reliable information than many would if studied superficially. The figures represent the number of exercises per

week. Details would have to be modified somewhat in different schools to adapt the scheme to the qualifications of teachers, and the demands of the locality. The course in the High School would be much strengthened if German, Algebra and elementary science were begun in the common schools. A little of the time now devoted to Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, might well be taken for this purpose. In the schools of many cities the programs have, within a few years, been modified in this direction, and the results have been regarded satisfactory by those in the best position to judge. What is most needed is to cultivate closer and more vital relations between these three great branches in our system of education: the Common Schools, the High Schools and the Universities, so as to make the transition from one to the other less violent and more natural. When this is done, as the writer believes it surely will be, our country will have the grandest system of education the world has ever seen. It will be so arranged that one can go as far upon the heights of education as his time and means will permit, and will find himself, at whatever point he drops out of his course of scholastic training, possessed of an intellectual and moral development thorough and well balanced, as far as it goes. This is the end toward which the great body of American teachers should work; and when they shall have accomplished it, they will have done much toward letting in the sunlight to evaporate the mist of poverty, vice and crime that hangs like a pall over the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

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THE RECORD BOOK OF A FRATERNITY CHAPTER.

This question was first and most forcibly presented to my mind four years ago, when my chapter conferred upon me the honor and duties of Tribune. My predecessor, a charter member, had imbued me with enthusiasm by his unselfish and excellent performance of his duties, and his full, general fraternity information; and no doubt this was the strongest element in starting a firm determination to do my full duty. I had but one fault to find with him,—he did too much. Most of the chapter and general fraternity work, except Minutes, Finances and Letters to the magazine, and the care of the hall, fell on and were performed by him.

I firmly believe that the more chapter work and responsibility is apportioned among the members, the better for them and the chapter. One man, with a one-man power, tends towards the ruin of a chapter. Of course, the Tribune could have appointed assistants, but such assistants, without specific duties and responsibilities, are almost valueless. The Ritual was plain and decided in what my duties were, and I was just as decided that one man could not fulfill them faithfully and fully, as the chapter grew older and the alumni more numerous; and even if he could, it would be better for all to have a division of labor. As in the growth and evolution of organisms, and of civilization, advancement is made by a division of labor; so also in the fraternity chapter work advancement is made. The "Records" of the then two-year-old chapter, with but eight alumni, consisted of—(1) A well written history of the chapter alumni to date. (2) The By-Laws. (3) A Minute-Book, carefully and fully written up to date. (4) Loose sheets containing alumni and active members' answers to catalogue, personal-history questions. The first and fourth were prepared for the catalogue, then just commenced.

The question of Records presented itself to us in this way: The history of the chapter and of the alumni, and the minutes will grow each year; how, and in what form, shall they be kept? Not only so that they shall not be scattered and lost, but also that they shall be accurately and systematically written in a book or books easily referred to; for we found there was more danger of the Records not being kept, than in being lost, if written. Before my year as Chapter Tribune ended (a year I shall always thank for many good ideas and experiences), the following division of labor and system of recording, was presented to and fully discussed by the chapter and established by By-Law.

Three new officers, with specific duties and responsibilities, were to be elected annually, the Tribune retaining the remainder of the duties, and being the responsible overseer of all.

I. Historian,—duties: To keep a record of College, Fraternity, and Chapter events; write the same in concise form, and at the end of the year read it before the chapter, which record, after approval, was to be transcribed into a Record-Book; the Historian also to be Librarian.

II. Alumni Correspondent,—duties: To keep the alumni posted on affairs of interest; to keep the records of the alumni, and their proper addresses; annually to send them printed questions to fill out; to transcribe the information in the Record-Book in an allotted place.

III. Recording Scribe,—a good writer,—duties: To copy in the Record-Book the above, the minutes, and all other material ordered by the chapter.

The Tribune, Associate Editor, and Alumni Correspondent, were to get out the annual printed chapter letter to alumni and general fraternity. It was decided that all records should be kept in one large "Record-Book." Such a work was purchased, and space was allotted to the following subjects:

I. Index.

II. Roll of Sigma Chi in the Faculty. (I well recollect bringing our oldest charter member, who was in town on business, into the hall, and having him sign his name at the head of this and the chapter roll).

III. Chapter Roll, signed during initiation, giving the number and date of the initiation, full name, class, and age of the initiate. The old members signed opposite their number, and the alumni when they happened in town. Had we been unable to get them this way, we should have cut their signature from a letter, and pasted it in place.

IV. By-Laws and Amendments.

V. History of the Chapter, in epochs of College years.

VI. Chapter Delegates to the Biennial Convention, giving the name of the delegate, and the date and place of holding the convention; office held by delegate, if any; the names of other active and alumni members present.

VII. Chapter Delegates to Provincial Convention, ditto.

VIII. Chapter Representative on Class Day, giving date, name, and position.

IX. Chapter Representative on Commencement Day, giving name, class, and subject of oration.

X. Chapter Representative on Public Literary Exercises, giving date, name, and literary society position.

XI. Chapter Representative in rank of University Battalion.

XII. General College positions, filled by members of the Chapter, in class, athletics, literary societies, oratorical contests, etc.

XIII. History of Alumni, each alumnus being given three pages, with the following heading: Full name, dates of entering college, of initiation, of leaving college, degrees taken.

Outline of History: Name and nationality of parents, birth, residence, and place of preparation for college.

History while in college: course and degrees taken; college, literary, athletic, social, and chapter honors and positions. It should be a matter of *routine* to take all you can during initiation, and the history during college, the last meeting before leaving.

History after leaving college,—kept by Alumni Correspondent: This should be faithfully and systematically kept; so if you returned to college, and wanted to see how an old classmate was getting along, you could turn to this Record-Book, and, at a glance, get his residence, business, political position, books written, etc. This department I consider one of the most important, and the Alumni Correspondent, who keeps this record of the alumni, and them interested in it, of the chapter and the fraternity, does a great deal for the welfare of his chapter, and the general fraternity. If all of us had kept a record of our alumni like this, what a tremendous amount of labor the Catalogue Editors would have been saved. It seems unjust that they should have to hunt up the addresses and histories of alumni of active chapters. The work of getting such data of the alumni of defunct chapters is great enough.

XIV. The Minutes of Chapter Meetings: The Secretary writes them up as briefly as possible; and, after being read and approved, they are handed to the Recording Scribe for transcribing in the Record-Book.

XV. A Table showing the Chapter Officers and number of terms held by active members: This table, by reference to the old minutes, was made complete to date, and was well worth the labor.

XVI. A Table of Fraternity Badges: Giving name of owner, maker, size, jewels, and cost of badge and chapter pin. This table was also made complete by reference to correspondence, and by writing to alumni. It was found quite useful in selecting pins, and is also an impartial record as to who is the favorite maker.

This completes the Record-Book, as far as my memory will take me; and I do not think I have forgotten anything. I wrote for the book, so I could see how it had been kept up, but as yet I have not received it. I saw it one year ago, however, and then it was in very good shape. The other chapter books, started about that time, were,—a Register, in which visiting Sigs were invited to sign; an Alumni Address Book, indexed for ready reference in correspondence; a Fraternity Corres-

pondence Record-Book, in which the Tribune kept account of letters received and written ; The Cash Book and Ledger, fortunately started by a member who understood book-keeping, and who also started the good plan of giving receipts for moneys recorded, using a printed receipt blank. The substance in these books appears in the minutes, under the reports of these officers, which are required to be written at the end of the term, and transcribed on the minutes. My apology for presenting the description of my chapter Record-Book, is this,—from my knowledge of chapter records, while in and since leaving college, both among Sigma Chi and many other fraternity chapters ; from the knowledge of the tremendous work of our Catalogue Committee in getting chapter and alumni histories, I can but conclude that chapter records are not kept as they should be. I do not claim that this scheme is perfect in its system and workings ; but I do think it is a move in the right direction, and a few more years of trial will demonstrate its real value.

Points which seem to me in its favor are—(1) All Chapter Records, Roll, History of both Chapter and Alumni and Minutes, are kept in one large book. (2) The labor is specifically divided among five chapter officers, Tribune, Historian, Alumni Correspondent, Annotator, Recording Scribe ; and one takes more pride in his own than others' work. (3) The Record-Book becomes familiar to all the chapter. It is present at every initiation, and during that solemn and impressive time you are first introduced to it, you sign your name to the Chapter Roll ; and as years go on that roll becomes a large list of friends and brothers. You are immediately given your allotted pages, and told your future deeds in college, and after will be recorded there. At the end of the year you hear the chapter history read, recalling and impressing more deeply events of your college life, which we never should wish to forget. In time your own labors are put in the book, making it more dear ; and after leaving college, on subsequent visits, you will, I am sure, as a rule, always ask to see the Record-Book ; and, if you should find it neglected, would it not call forth an eloquent appeal ; and, if well kept, your highest praises ? (4) Surely, it is practical. Ought the labors and time of our Catalogue Editors, and our great expense to get out the coming Catalogue, to be for sentiment only ? The Record-Book is the catalogue of the chapter. The Sigma Chi Catalogue is the United Record-Books of the chapters.

In conclusion, I think it would be interesting and valuable for each chapter, through the *Bulletin*, or a chapter letter, to give their system of recording, and I trust it will invite a full discussion at the next convention.

Milwaukee, Wis., June, 1890.

Jos. C. BLOODGOOD,
Alpha Lambda, '88.

The Greek Press.

THE *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, for April, remarks concerning our plea for a fraternity flower: "It seems poor taste for any fraternity to attempt to monopolize a flower. It simply can't be done, and the whole idea suggests the foolishness of the days of Oscar Wilde." Has Delta Kappa Epsilon succeeded in *monopolizing* the colors which it selected as emblematic of the fraternity? We dare say there is many an organization scattered over the country which has chosen those very colors. The fraternities who have chosen flowers do not expect to *monopolize* them any more than they have monopolized their colors, but they appropriate them as symbols to be used as ornaments on festal occasions, decorations for chapter halls, and inspirations to loyalty, irrespective of who else may choose the same flower, and regardless of any Anglomaniac who may penitently remember an undue reverence for a certain very Wilde flower. No, friend Deke, you had better fall into line before your fraternity marches by you singing to "The Flower of Δ K E." While in your July number you shatter Beta Theta Pi's claim to being the first fraternity to adopt officially a flag, we object to your summary dismissal of that fraternity's similar claim concerning a flower, by stating that the idea was "as infantile as it was original." Long live the rose of Beta Theta Pi, the pansy of Delta Tau Delta, and the future flowers of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi!

The editor, in his excellent department of "Exchanges," criticises the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for printing commendations of itself clipped from other journals. We do not consider this practice reprehensible, if pursued with the idea of strengthening in the minds of the members of the fraternity a due appreciation of their official organ. Most readers have no access to the publications of other fraternities, and hence are anxious to know how their journal stands in the eyes of its rivals. Neither do we blame an editor for clipping the expressions which are most favorable to his journal, even if he fails to couple with them adjacent criticisms. For the ideas of all editors, of whatever kind of periodicals, so differ as to what constitutes the best style and matter, and as to what will best please their particular class of readers, that criticism is bound to be coupled with encomium. Then, as to the matter of the *taste* of publishing these "compliments," we think we know the editors of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* well enough to assert that it was not the gratification of

personal vanity that prompted them to such publication, but rather an earnest desire to advance the interests of the official organ of their fraternity by showing its readers that it was considered by disinterested persons as worthy of the fraternity's support. The "Convention of Fraternity Editors," for which the editor of the *Δ K E Quarterly* makes a very timely motion, might reveal this fact among other beneficent results.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield's* plan of interspersing advertisements of "Brandreth's Pills," and "Allcock's Porous Plasters," with reading matter, receives a well-merited and effective rebuke. It recalls these lines from another contemporary :

Dear Brothers,—Pin your faith to things above. Earthly matters are too gross to deserve your attention ; and if any day when you are down-town and hungry, stop in at Toughsteak's and he will set you out a good meal for twenty-five cents. And, fellow-students, to prepare yourselves so that you may do the most good to your fellow-man, it is in every way desirable that you should cultivate a Christian spirit, enter the ministry, study the science of the law, and have your clothes patched by Sew-em-on, 316 Rag Street. Let your ways be those of righteousness, and your paths of peace, and use Tenderfoot's corn cure.

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The editor of the *Rainbow*, after a very complimentary review of our November number, sees fit in his last issue to remark again concerning the initiation by Sigma Chi of students in the preparatory department : "At the University of Minnesota, Sigma Chi initiated one man before he graduated from the Academy." This instance seems to rankle in the breast of the editor, and we do not wonder, for he himself worked hard and persistently to secure this very "prep" for Delta Tau Delta. A man is apt to remember such a signal defeat ; but the grapes are not really so sour as they appear. This "prep" was pursuing but one study in the Academy, and that was for the purpose of taking advanced standing in the University in which *he had matriculated*, and had credits in Freshman and Sophomore studies. Three subsequent defeats of the local chapter of Delta Tau Delta, by Sigma Chi, have not tended to sweeten Mr. Babcock's memory of the repulses, but we hope that time will alleviate his discomfiture. Meanwhile, we will quote some very sensible words from the *Rainbow*, as to how the men whom Sigma Chi has won should be treated :

A word, too, about the men who have been asked to join Delta Tau Delta, and who have seen fit to ally themselves with some other fraternity. First or last, every chapter of every fraternity loses some man to one of its

rivals. All too often he is utterly ignored, after his initiation by that rival, and the ardent liking of hopeful "working" days turns into positive dislike or even worse. Any man, who, after due consideration by the members of any chapter, has been judged worthy of an invitation to join that chapter, is worthy at least of the place of friend, even though his ways be not the chapter's ways. Some of the warmest college friendships are of this very sort. Not only are they valuable as friendships, but they promote good feeling between rival chapters. Life is too short for nursing grudges or for trying to prove that sweet grapes have suddenly begun souring when they fall into a rival's basket. The man after being for some time a member of a rival fraternity, may, and in all probability will, change, and perhaps for the worse, but till then let him occupy an honorable place on the list of friends.

An interesting symposium on "The Fraternity in College Politics," contains this defense of a very common charge against fraternities :

The combinations and intrigues of college politics cannot be condemned too severely, but it is a mistake to suppose that the fraternities are entirely responsible. If there were no fraternities there would still be cliques, factions and political squabbles. Rival literary societies would wage political war. Freshman classes, because they have no better excuse for splitting, divide into geographical factions. I have in mind a certain college eating club, which, from the bond of sympathy between the members, grew into a formidable political power. Man is a political animal, and college students are in this respect exceedingly human. It is part of their nature to scheme and pull wires. "It seems a result of our American atmosphere."

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The *Beta Theta Pi* continues its uniformly high standard of literary and mechanical excellence, notwithstanding the fact that it appears every month. The January number contained a history of the Mystic Seven Fraternity, part of which has lately been absorbed by Beta Theta Pi. The Mystic Seven was founded at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1837. Its chapters were called "temples," and were limited to seven (in existence at any one time), each being named for one of the seven emblems of the order. The badge was a seven-pointed star. By this union Beta Theta Pi gains chapters at the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina, and at Davidson College, N. C. But *Δ K E* captured the parent chapter at Wesleyan University, in 1867, and a chapter at Syracuse University, in 1871, so *B Θ Π* will hardly realize much benefit from the union, except through the three Southern chapters named, which, by the way, have been known since 1883, as the "Phi Theta Alpha Society." Though the "union" of the Mystic Seven with any particular fraternity seems thus to be uncertain, Beta Theta Pi

has gained at least three active chapters. These, taken in connection with the organization of a new chapter at the University of Minnesota, and the absorption of the Sigma Delta Pi society at Dartmouth College, make an extension record on which Beta Theta Pi can cheerfully rest for the Summer.

In the March number of the *Beta Theta Pi*, an undergraduate explains a plan which his chapter has adopted concerning an exchange of photographs with other chapters. They will have an amateur prepare the plates, have them developed by a professional photographer, and send them unmounted, at a cost of from fifteen to twenty cents apiece, to every chapter in the fraternity. We hope some chapter of Sigma Chi will inaugurate this plan, and that all the others will follow it. The chapters will gain, by one glance at these pictures, a better idea of each other than by the exchange of a dozen letters. Photographers of Sigma Chi, the eyes of the fraternity are upon you !

In the May number the writer of an article on Honorary Membership, remarks that "Sigma Chi openly elects honorary members." This statement is utterly without foundation, as no honorary members have been admitted to the Sigma Chi fraternity since 1882, when honorary membership was abolished.

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THE *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* opens its excellent March number with a portrait and sketch of the life of John Clark Ridpath, Professor of Belles-Letters and History in De Pauw University. He became a member of Phi Gamma Delta while a student at De Pauw, graduating in 1863. In his success as a writer of historical and literary works, that fraternity has just reason to rejoice.

In these days when so many chapters die because they "prefer to surrender their charters rather than initiate unworthy men," are not these words from an editorial well spoken ?

The Pharisaical spirit exists in fraternities as well as in all other organizations, and perhaps to an unwarranted degree. It is impossible to withdraw into our shell and thank heaven we are not as other people are, and continue to remain in force in college and society. But, many will say, better resign your charter than admit men who are unworthy of the Fraternity. All very true, but is there not a danger from the other extreme ? Do we not frequently fail to recognize a gem through its lack of lustre, which, when polished by contact with others, blazes forth a jewel of wondrous beauty. Doubtless there is less need of admonition for exclusiveness in the selection of men, but it is undoubtedly true, that of the four chapters which have ceased to exist during the past few years, three of them died from the spirit of ultra-conservatism. There is a safe middle ground, a golden mean which, if carefully followed,

avoids rocks and shoals incident to a large and heterogeneous chapter as well as the danger of extinction from inertia.

By way of comment on a paragraph taken from our "Greek Press," the interesting "Table Talker" of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, remarks :

It is to be deeply regretted that all the Greek societies are afflicted occasionally with parasites who filch their way through the active years of fraternity and never think of supporting, financially, the institutions of the order. The names of such men should be presented to our annual conventions as abusing the advantages of fraternity fellowship, and, as the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY advocates, should be met with immediate public and dishonorable expulsion. For this fraternity "barnacle," as he may be called, cannot have those qualities of mind and heart, the possession of which distinguishes the true Greek from the barbarian. Moreover, the man who fails to meet his financial obligations to his chapter, or the chapter which does not contribute its full share to the general fraternity expenses, cannot, man or chapter, exhibit that loyalty and cordial good-will which are the guardians of the fraternity idea.

This, on "Chapter Houses," from the June number of the *Quarterly* :

There are two courses open to a chapter for attaining this end. Either to build with the assistance of Alumni or to lease one furnished until more prosperous times render the former more feasible. The former plan is doubtless the most desirable for old established chapters, backed up with a strong and wealthy Alumni membership. Either induce some one of them to erect a house as an investment, or as is probably more feasible, form a stock company and distribute stock among your graduates. Do not wait for a house to spring up of itself or for some Alumnus to offer to build it, but appoint a committee, co-operating, if possible, with some energetic Alumnus, and canvass your members. You will find them much more ready to aid you in a matter promising substantial results than you expected. Place the price of shares within the reach of all, and receive, if possible, a grant of a building lot from the college authorities which may thus exempt it from taxation.

Relieve yourselves of the idea that Chapter Homes are an impossibility. Arouse your Alumni and by a little intelligent co-operation wonders may be accomplished. Establish a sinking fund, to which may be added the contributions of graduating members.

Phi Gamma Delta has done very little for a man who cannot afford to contribute from fifty to a hundred dollars to such a fund, and many would doubtless be glad of the opportunity. The plan is at least worth an experiment, and if honestly tried will doubtless yield good fruit.

Few chapters are doing as noble a work for their fraternities as the Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha, at Vanderbilt University. The *Journal* which this chapter is now publishing, is the best fraternity magazine published in the South, and one of the best in the country. Two pages were literally wasted, however, in a recent issue in idle declamation against the editor of the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, on the *hypothesis* that he had inserted in the Tulane University chapter letter statements derogatory to Kappa Alpha's Chapter at that institution. Here are the statements made in the chapter letter to the QUARTERLY "The Kappa Alphas seem here to be doing nothing, having *taken in* only one man within two years. Perhaps the Barbs have their eyes open a little wider than they used to,—who can tell?" Admitting that Kappa Alpha's Chapter at Tulane *needed* defense, the *Journal* should have been more moderate in its rhetorical bombast until it had heard our explanation of the case. We deny unequivocally any responsibility for the above statements against the Tulane chapter of Kappa Alpha, having had no knowledge upon which to make them, no possible motive for the act, nor that disposition which would seek "to besmirch purity with a stroke of its blackened hand." Our correspondent denies the authorship of the statement, we understand, and as the original letter has been destroyed, there is no absolute proof as to who "tried to dishonor honor and stain virtue" (*Sic*). This is one of the things that may be cleared up •

"When the sun grows old, and the stars grow cold,
And the leaves of the judgment book unfold."

But meanwhile, if any injustice has been done to the Tulane Chapter of Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi is heartily sorry for it.

The most tempting viand in our menu is the description of "The Delta U. Camp at Lake George," in the May number of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*. The beautiful views of the site of the camp, of the camp itself, and of the ladies' day at camp, are as refreshing to the artistic eye as is the sight of grand old Lake George to the pleasure-seeking eye. "Rah, rah, rah, rah! Delta U! Ha, ha! Rah, rah! Ha, ha! Delta U. Camp," will always linger in our ears as one of the most pleasant incidents of a day spent upon that beautiful sheet of water. We do not wonder that "the camp fires that burnt so bright on old 'Huckleberry' did not die out when the last flickering embers expired, but lighted by memory's torch they have oft been rekindled into fond recollections of the days that too soon sped away."

The *Quarterly* contains also a portrait of Francis H. Snow, Chancellor of the University of Kansas, a member of the Williams Chapter of Delta Upsilon, class of 1862; views of the different fraternity houses

at Hamilton College, and of the Mark Hopkins Memorial at Williams College, making, with the views of the Delta U. Camp, quite an artistic feast.

The editor welcomes into the fraternity a new chapter of fifteen members established at the University of Minnesota, May 23, 1890. He has the pleasure also of thanking the third donor of the fraternity who has given one thousand dollars to a chapter house fund.

From an item we learn that the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* has three salaried editors; that Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi have been paying salaries to the editors of their magazines for three years; that Phi Delta Theta is paying handsomely the editor of the *Scroll*; that Alpha Tau Omega has been paying the editor of her magazine for two years, and Delta Upsilon for four years. To these facts we may add that Sigma Chi has been paying the Editor-in-Chief of the *QUARTERLY* for six years.

Editorial.

A NEW PAN-HELLENIC CLUB.

CHATTANOOGA will have to look to her laurels as the city of Pan-Hellenism, for she has now in Duluth a very formidable rival. On July 8, 1890, forty-one Greeks who reside at Duluth, Minnesota, across the river, at Superior City, Wisconsin, and in other cities at the head of the Great Lakes, met at the Spalding House, in Duluth, to hold an inaugural Pan-Hellenic banquet. An admirable toast-list had been prepared with responses from members of seven different fraternities, Sigma Chi being represented by the Hon. James T. Hale, Phi, '77, whose name is a familiar one in the annals of our fraternity. A business meeting followed the banquet, and a permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President, Judge O. P. Stearns (University of Michigan, '55), Delta Kappa Epsilon; Vice-President, Charles d'Autremont (Cornell University, '72), Psi Upsilon; Secretary, Charles H. Eldridge (Purdue University, '85), Sigma Chi; Treasurer, A. L. Moore (Yale University, '71), Sigma Delta Chi; Executive Committee, the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and Putnam Cady (Union College, '85), Alpha Delta Phi; Phil H. Perkins (Cornell University, '75), Delta Upsilon; and Fred Reynolds (University of Michigan, '82), Chi Psi. Ninety members have been enrolled in the association, and club-rooms will probably be secured next year. Another meeting and banquet will be held in November.

To Sigma Chi is due the honor of the successful organization of the Pan-Hellenic Club of Duluth. The idea was conceived and executed by Brother Charles H. Eldridge, Delta Delta, '85, who was elected Secretary of the club, and was tendered a vote of thanks for his efforts in organizing it. He was assisted largely by Brother Joseph K. Persons, Theta Theta, '84. The other Sigma Chis who have joined the club are Hon. James T. Hale, Phi, '77; Rev. George H. McClellan, Kappa, '75; William Wirt Henry, Jr., Psi and Sigma Sigma, '77; George M. Walter, Theta, '82, all of Duluth; and Howard Morrison, Alpha Lambda, '90, who has lately entered upon the practice of law in Superior City, Wis. Sigma Chi is one of thirty fraternities represented, and is outnumbered in the association only by Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon.

No member of our own fraternity, or of any other fraternity, can view the organization of such Pan-Hellenic Clubs without genuine satisfaction. The good fellowship, the toasts, the college songs (which at

this banquet were in the hands, and, as a consequence, in the months of all the banqueters), are an eloquent testimonial to the beauty and value of the Greek-letter fraternities.

THE CATALOGUE.

SINCE our last report on the work of the publication of the Catalogue, the general history of the fraternity, the alphabetical index and several tabular summaries have been printed. Every vestige of the actual printing is now done, and the binders have commenced work. As they promise to bind the whole edition (1,200) within two weeks, the book will be delivered certainly in August.

THE BIENNIAL CONVENTION

THE Eighteenth Biennial Convention will be held in Washington, D. C., next Fall, in acceptance of the invitation of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter. No definite time has been appointed, but either the Thanksgiving or Christmas recesses will be selected. Suggestions as to which time would be most acceptable to active and alumni members, are earnestly requested by the Grand Tribune.

Reviews.

RECOLLECTIONS: By George W. Childs (Upsilon, '69). 12mo, cloth, gilt top, rough edges. 400 pages. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. 1890.

HON. George W. Childs was elected an honorary member of Upsilon Chapter, Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in 1869. At that time he presented a handsome bible to the new chapter, and ever since has taken an active interest in the welfare of the Sigma Chi fraternity. His admirers among the alumni of Upsilon and in the fraternity at large have heard of his noble deeds from time to time in common with all other American citizens. But as friends especially interested in his life, they will greet with especial pleasure the recent publication of his "Recollections," because they constitute in a way an autobiography.

The most extended of these recollections refer to General Grant, whom Mr. Childs knew more intimately in a social way, perhaps, than any of that great man's many friends. The two occupied adjoining cottages at Long Branch, and General Grant was frequently the guest of Mr. Childs at his beautiful home in Philadelphia. Mr. Childs' analysis of the character of the hero of Appomattox, and the many anecdotes he gives to illustrate that character, prove that he appreciated most keenly the salient traits that made Grant the greatest soldier and one of the greatest men of modern times. The self-possession, the determination, the sagacity, the magnanimity and withal the modesty of that immortal character are portrayed in this unaffected narrative with the skill of the distinguished journalist. Fact-bound History and date-laden Biography stand with uncovered heads, while Friendship with her simple laurel thus fitly crowns the more gaudy flowers of Fame:

"I never heard General Grant say nor did I ever know him to do a mean thing. His entire truthfulness, his perfect honesty were beyond question. I think of him now that he is dead with ever-increasing admiration."

As a publisher, Mr. Childs was brought into terms of intimacy with such writers as Hawthorne, Irving, Longfellow, Emerson, Lowell, Holmes, and others; as the well-known dispenser of a generous hospitality he became the friend of Generals Sherman, Sheridan and Hancock, Chief Justice Waite, James G. Blaine, Samuel J. Tilden, Dean Stanley, Prof. J. Anthony Froude, and a host of the most distinguished men of our times. His impressions of the different authors are particularly interesting.

Another pen than that of Mr. Childs appends to the "Recollections" a full account of Mr. Childs' gift of the portraits of Grant, Sherman and Sheridan to the United States Military Academy at West Point. This gift came with especial propriety from Mr. Childs, not only because he was the friend and admirer of all three generals, but because he was President of the Board of Visitors, having been appointed to that office by President Cleveland in 1887.

The gift of the Shakespeare Memorial Fountain to the town of Stratford-upon-Avon (which was formally dedicated Oct. 17, 1887) was made by Mr. Childs not only as the tribute of an American citizen to the greatest master of our tongue, but as a pledge of the good will which the United States cherishes for the Mother Country. Henry Irving realized the existence of the latter motive when he said that if Shakespeare could return to his native town "he would be proud to see in Stratford the gift of a distinguished American citizen,—this memorial of our reunion under the shadow of his undying name." Every American citizen should be proud to wish, with Oliver Wendell Holmes in his dedicatory poem :

"Long may Avon's fountain flow, enrolled with storied shrines of old,
Castalia's Spring, Egeria's dewy cave
And Horeb's rock the God of Israel clave !"

The gifts of the Herbert and Cowper Memorial Windows to Westminster Abbey, of the Milton Memorial Window to St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, of the Reredos to St. Thomas' Church, Winchester, are also mentioned in this part of the book.

Prof. Richard T. Ely of Johns Hopkins University contributes an article on "Mr. Childs and the Workingman." Among other acts of beneficence, he mentions Mr. Childs' system of placing insurance on the lives of his employes for the benefit of those who are dependent on them ; of pensioning in old age those who have served him long and faithfully, whether they are in want or not ; of giving away thousands of dollars to his employes at Christmas under the modest guise of "profit-sharing"; of paying to type-setters more than the Union rate ; of establishing a fund for the International Typographical Union, etc.

We can close this review in no more appropriate way than by quoting the sage epitome of Prof. Ely : "Mr. Childs is called a philanthropist, and no man can have a nobler title."

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE OMEGA ALUMNI CHAPTER.

ONE of the most enjoyable of all the annual banquets of the Omega Alumni Chapter, of Chicago, reinforced by a number of the active members of Omega Chapter, located at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, in Chicago, June 17, 1890. The arrangements had been admirably made by W. T. Alden, an active member of Omega; and when the doors of the handsome ladies' ordinary of the Grand Pacific were thrown open, thirty-eight Sigma Chis marched in to the inspiring music of a mandolin orchestra. Without further ceremony, the demolition of a very choice menu of nine courses was commenced with vigor, and continued for two hours with uninterrupted success. The second course was marked, however, by the entrance of the Toast-Master of the evening, Judge Lorin C. Collins, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, who was conducted to the chair of honor by Mr. John R. Hoagland, Theta, '69, the President of the Omega Alumni Chapter.

After the last course had been disposed of, Judge Collins, by way of preface to the list of toasts, called on Prof. Walter C. Lyman, Xi, '61, the well known elocutionist, to favor the banqueters with a recitation. In response he narrated an incident of his early professional career. Having been requested to recite at an entertainment given for the benefit of a Young Men's Library of his native town, he chose a passage from Shakespeare, in which Othello demands an explanation of Iago's insinuations concerning his wife's good name. The Professor then went into the fields to rehearse the lines, and it so chanced that a little Dutch farmer was working immediately behind the hedge fence which the young elocutionist imagined as his Iago. With all the fervor and power which have since characterized the professor's efforts, he proceeded to recite the lines. At the conclusion, the little Dutchman arose with uplifted hands, exclaiming, "Mein Gott in Himmel!" he then ran toward his house, and the professor acknowledged that he himself ran as fast in the other direction.

Mr. C. S. Pellet, Alpha Zeta, '86, was expected to respond to the toast "Sigma Chi in the Northwest," but was prevented from being present by unavoidable business engagements.

Mr. Walter L. Fisher, Chi, '83, then responded to the toast "Chapter Houses." In the absence of a stenographer, we can give only the substance of Mr. Fisher's speech. After referring to the origin of the chapter house system, he said :

Our chapters may differ in local characteristics, but in one respect they are and should be uniform; that is, in their idea of *fraternity*. To my mind, fraternity means to all of our chapters nothing more nor less than good fellowship,—good fellowship, clean, wholesome, helpful, based upon intellectual, moral and social worth, and organized for a definite aim and purpose. The highest ideal, the fruition, of good fellowship, can best be obtained in fraternity life in the chapter house. If the value of the chapter house, as an element for good in college life, needed any argument or authority, I could quote to you the words of President Seelye, of Amherst, of Andrew D. White, ex-President of Cornell, and a score of prominent educators. The first house that the Sigma Chi fraternity has owned has just been completed by Chi Chapter at Hanover, Indiana; and, so far as I can just now recall, it is the first house built by and for a fraternity chapter upon its own ground outside of New York and New England, except at the University of Michigan. Our chapters at the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, and at Northwestern University, all occupy handsome rented houses. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, our chapter is located in a suite of apartments in the fashionable district of Boston. At Albion College, Michigan, the Alpha Pi is now erecting on the college campus a handsome stone lodge; at Pennsylvania College, Theta Chapter has been given permission to erect a house upon the college campus,—the funds have been secured, and the architect is at work upon the plans. At Beloit the Alpha Zeta is to have a house just as soon as it can be erected; the ground has been purchased, and the building is to be commenced at once. [The Alpha Xi expects to rent and furnish an attractive house this Summer, so as to be ready for its occupancy in the Fall—EDITOR]. Our new chapter at Cornell University will enter a house upon its formal institution in the Fall, and has already defeated its most formidable rivals in securing some excellent men. Standing without a peer in the West, Sigma Chi has hitherto steadfastly declined to enter into rivalry with the distinctively Eastern fraternities, at institutions where years have given them the tremendous advantages of wealth and tradition and the backing of a long list of influential alumni; but the sixtieth chapter of Sigma Chi enters Cornell University in all the essential elements of strength second to no rival, and with flattering prospects for the immediate future.

The members of Omega are largely represented here, and if they will pardon the suggestion of an outsider, I wish to say that I believe they are making a great mistake in renting a chapter house, instead of building one of their own. To the fund already raised enough money can easily be added to purchase a desirable lot and pay a large proportion of the cost of a home. The remainder can readily be raised by a loan; for, as a national debt is said to be a national blessing, so a chapter debt, *for this purpose*, can be made a chapter blessing. I mean a debt properly secured, and which the chapter must carry, and can carry, without entailing upon its active members a greater expense than is required by the annual expenses of a rented house. There

should be no taint of charity about a chapter house, no dependence upon the generosity of alumni ; but each chapter should be helped by its alumni to help itself. Such a debt is calculated to stimulate the energy and best ambition of the active chapter ; and especially where the loan is made by a member of the chapter, it certainly detracts nothing from the practical value of a chapter house.

In conclusion, let me say that homogeneity of membership is the great essential of a general fraternity like ours. Better belong to a local fraternity than to one which is not united and homogeneous. That we may be sure that our recruiting stations, the active chapters, are furnishing us the same good fellows everywhere, in California and Virginia, in Ohio and in Illinois, that the same high ideal of fraternity shall everywhere prevail, is the most important object in the administration of our government ; and we regard the chapter house as the means best adapted to aid in securing this end. Since the adoption of our present governmental system, but one chapter has come into Sigma Chi without presenting a definite arrangement for a chapter house, and obligating itself to secure one at the earliest practicable moment. During the past year there has been a movement all along the line ; and, confident of its fulfillment, I venture the prediction that over twenty of the chapters of Sigma Chi will be established in their own homes before the World's Fair meets in Chicago.

Mr. John H. Hamline, one of Chicago's most prominent lawyers, responded to the toast, "Sigma Chi at the Bar." He showed the strength of the fraternity at the Bar, by stating the fact that while the number of Sigma Chis in Cook County was only about one hundred and twenty-five, or less than one ten-thousandth of the population, they furnished two out of twenty, or one-tenth of the judges of our courts. Mr. Hamline spoke earnestly of the satisfaction which it gave him to see that the high character and number of the active members of Omega were still retained, and predicted a bright future for the chapter in the hands of the present undergraduates.

Grand Consul Frank M. Elliot prefaced his toast by a few answers from a census blank. Among them were—(1) Whether single, married, widowed or divorced : Divorced, from the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity for incompatibility of temper. (2) Mother of how many children : About four thousand. Like Solomon's children, they are so numerous that a hundred, more or less, do not count. (3) Whether naturalized : Yes ; and has voted on every occasion offered, especially whenever a Sigma Chi was running for office.

Mr. Elliot then delivered the following response to the toast, "Our Government" :

In 1882 the government of the fraternity was taken from the Gamma Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, which had administered its affairs ever

since the death of the Alpha. The growth of the fraternity and the added responsibility of this growth, demanded a new form and an entire change in the management. At the biennial session of the Grand Chapter, held in Chicago, in 1882, the present system, with a few exceptions, was adopted. It consisted briefly of one executive officer, the Grand Tribune, and a Grand Council, composed of the Grand Consul, Grand Annotator, Grand Quæstor, and six Grand Prætors. The Grand Annotator and Grand Quæstor, with one other officer, compose the Grand Triumvirs. This is the Executive Board of the fraternity. All business of the fraternity requiring attention between the sessions of the Grand Chapter, is acted upon by this body. The election of officers to fill vacancies, the granting and recall of charters, the calling of the convention, is done by the vote of the nine members of the Council. All other business is determined by the Triumvirs. The Grand Prætors are elected from certain prescribed districts, within which are a number of chapters, and over which the Grand Prætor of the respective district has jurisdiction. It is a centralized government in the best sense of the term, with few, if any, of the greater dangers that threaten a wholesome administration of the affairs of the fraternity. Probably to no other person is the credit of this system to be given than Brother Fisher. Through his efforts the convention adopted it, and largely through his influence has it been carried on up to the present time. The mission of the government was to place the affairs of the fraternity in the hands of efficient officers who would systematically and carefully conduct them to a higher grade of excellence. As we review the past few years of its history, are we justified in calling it a success? Has it been able to meet the demands of the fraternity? Those of us who have been on the inside, and have studied its working, can safely say that it has been all that was expected of it, and that it is the only system to cope successfully with the difficulties of managing a large number of chapters scattered, as they are, in nearly every State in the Union. We are represented to-day at thirty-seven colleges and universities; and there is an active membership roll of about four hundred.

The policy of the government has been to establish chapters only in first-class institutions of learning, with an attendance of students large enough, and of quality good enough, to maintain a strictly first-class chapter. We have established, during the past two years, chapters at the University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis; at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill; at the University of Southern California, at Los Angeles; and last and best of all, at Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y. There have been alumni chapters established at Washington and New York, with a large membership at both chapters. A movement is on foot among the alumni members of our fraternity to establish alumni chapters at Kansas City and Philadelphia. And it is the hope of this government to increase to a great degree the usefulness of the Chicago Alumni Chapter. We have over one hundred Sigma Chis in the city, and over one hundred and twenty-five in the county, and they should all be enrolled as active members of this chapter.

It has been our policy to have a Province convention in each of the different Provinces, at least once a year. One of the most successful rallies occurred at Indianapolis this year. The exchange of views by members of the chapters, and the rare fellowship engendered at these meetings, are very potential in increasing the activity and sustaining the high character of ΣX in the chapters. If there is any lethargy in our fraternity it is found among the alumni, and the reasons are natural enough. The business and social cares which surround and absorb the time and attention of a great majority of our alumni, prevent any great amount of activity on their part in fraternity matters. Their hearts are true to the order, however, and their interest is deep and lasting, though not exhibited on the surface. The magazine has been ably conducted by the Grand Tribune, and has been sent to the alumni, whether they subscribed for it or not. This has been the means of bringing many a forgotten Sigma Chi to the front, who has renewed his association with the fraternity, and tasted once more of the joys of his college life.

But the greatest work the officers of this government have had to do, is the preparation and the publishing of the fraternity Catalogue. I am happy to say that it is nearly completed, and that it will be delivered in August of this year. I am sure it will receive a cordial greeting from all our members, and that it will be a credit to our fraternity. For completeness and artistic finish it will surpass any catalogue yet published by any fraternity in this country.

The next Biennial Convention will be held at Washington, D. C., in the Fall, and it is the aim of your officers to make it one of the largest and best sessions which the fraternity has ever held. Chicago should be largely represented, and the weight of its influence, and its World's Fair enterprise, should all combine to make it a grand success. We can justly congratulate ourselves upon the splendid *esprit de corps* that exists among all the chapters. At no time in the history of the fraternity has the relationship between them been more cordial, and the interest in the welfare of Sigma Chi been more manifest than it is to-day. In all that we are, we may feel grateful and proud, and for all that we hope to be, we may rest in the sweet hope of continued success and prosperity.

Mr. John T. McCutcheon, Delta Delta, '89, in responding to the toast, "The Feasibility of a Sigma Chi Club in Chicago," said:

Those whom a discussion of this subject will most directly interest, are the boys who are residents of the city merely by virtue of their employment, and not by any domestic ties. There are no inconsiderable number of Sigs here who are, therefore, concerned in the establishment of a chapter house. To them the feasibility of such an institution is unquestioned. Whom have we among the latter class who have not been tossed turbulently hither and thither by the fluctuating temperaments of some grim landlady, so often that his address has become as variable as the winds, and his habits as transient as those of a tree-frog.

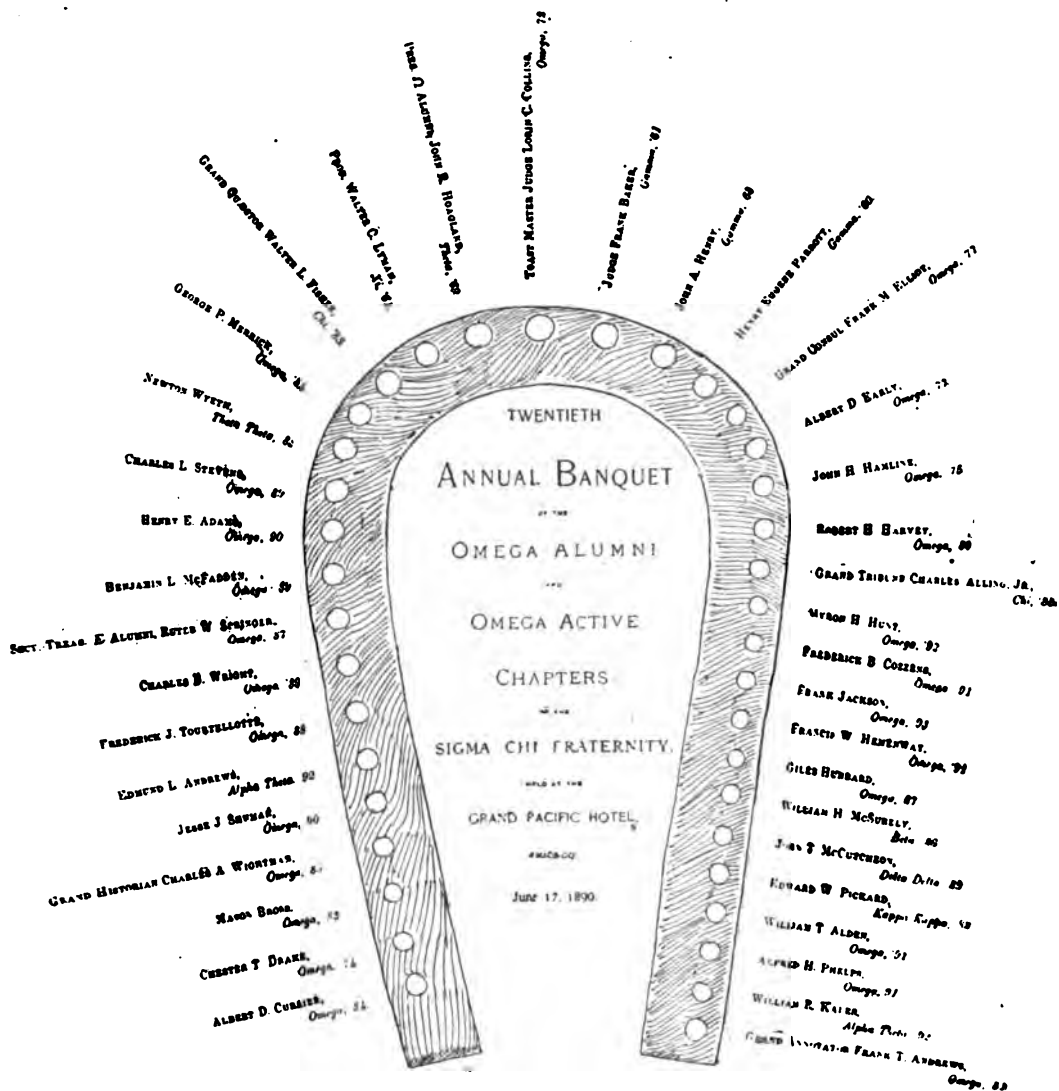
Chicago is an electric city. A magnetism exists about it that attracts people hither from all parts of the world. Every year new and abundant fields for youthful activity present themselves, and every year more and more members of our fraternity respond to the magic sorcery of these advantages, and come here to cast their lot in the vortex of life and fortune. For that reason Sigma Chi should be early to establish a chapter house in the city. As yet there is not one fraternity lodge in Chicago. It would be signally fitting for the White Cross Knights to make the initial movement by entering a house. Chicago is the metropolis of the West, and Sigma Chi the queen of Western fraternities. The conclusion is obvious.

There are many advantages which I think would accrue from the realization of the project. It would be a Forum or Acropolis where kindred spirits could assemble, and the purposes of the members be concentrated. Here harmony could reign supreme, and unity of purpose occupy the throne. It is an abrupt and disagreeable step from the pleasant companionships and associations of college life, to the turmoil and uncongenialities of life in a strange city. One is filled with regret and sadness to think the dearest phase of his career has perhaps gone never to come again. In this respect the sense of parting joys is greatly alleviated by knowing that when you embark in active life, it will still be in the same atmosphere as that which rendered college days so happy. This would be the effect of a chapter house if placed in such a busy center of trade as Chicago. The boy fresh from the class-room could then have an existence not rounded off by sleep, as is often the case, but he could have sympathetic companions, from whom the exudations of beneficial associations would strengthen him by the contagion of salubrious contact.

A question arises naturally whether or not a chapter house could be made self-sustaining at no greater cost than that which is paid for residence in a private family. I am certain that it could, as the experiment has resulted satisfactorily and successfully in other cities. In order that the project might be commenced on a firm footing, an arrangement could be effected similar to that by which scholarships are established. An assessment of two or five dollars could be made before a house is secured. All Sigma Chis here in Chicago would be obligated to meet this. The fund derived in this manner could be applied to properly preparing the house for suitable club and residence purposes. After the occupants have become duly installed, all living expenses shall be assumed by themselves, while the general expenses of the house be met by an annual assessment of all Chicago Sigma Chis.

In conclusion, I regard the establishment of an Alumni Chapter House in Chicago as unquestionably feasible.

"The decline of the Alpha and the rise of the Gamma," was the subject assigned to Judge Frank Baker, Gamma, '61. The judge demonstrated, however, that the Alpha had already "declined" when he



entered the fraternity, and the Gamma had already "risen," being a flourishing chapter of seven members. He called on his old chapter-mate, Henry Eugene Parrott, Gamma, '60, of Dayton, Ohio (who happened, fortunately, to be in the city), and introduced him as one of the charter members of the Gamma, who would therefore know all about its "rise." Mr. Parrott said that he joined the fraternity when it was called the "Sigma Phi," and remained an active member until the present name was adopted. He felt, therefore, like the man who, when asked the place of his birth, said that he "was born at Nantucket and all along the shore." Mr. Parrott remarked that his loyalty to his fraternity was like his loyalty to his flag and to his wife, and while it was a smoldering fire, such occasions as this banquet filled his heart with the same enthusiasm for Sigma Chi that he used to feel at old Delaware.

Mr. John A. Henry, Gamma, '68, was called upon, and stated that he had joined Gamma chapter when a Junior at Ohio Wesleyan University, at the time of the union of that chapter with ten members of the old Digamma fraternity. He had always found Sigma Chis to be honest, manly, successful and able fellows, and was always glad to meet a member of the fraternity.

Judge Collins then declared the banquet adjourned. The preceding page presents a diagram of the banquet table, showing names and the place of each gentleman present.

A CHAPTER TOAST.

I.

Then here's to the blue and gold,
And here's to her boys so true,
Here's health to our order old,
And, boys, long life to you.

II.

We'll drink our Alma Mater,
Raise our chapter yell on high,
Long life to Zeta Zeta,
And, "Vive la Sigma Chi!"

"LEENA," Z Z.

Chapter Letters.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

The past term passed most pleasantly for Beta, and, in the words of the stereotyped chapter letter, "We have no especially brilliant victories to record, nor crushing defeats to mourn." The inter-frat relations have been most pleasant, and there has been an entire absence of any discord in the Greek world. The same might be said of the whole year were it not for a few jars in the heat and excitement of rushing which are soon forgotten. Our two strongest rival fraternities, and the ones with which we have had our conflicts, we are especially friendly with and regard the highest. The interest of Wooster students has been centered in athletics to a great extent this term. Our base-ball team tied for second place in the race for the league pennant, Denison taking first. We still think we had the best team in the league, but luck was an important factor, Kenyon, with a very good team, being beaten out both by Buchtel and Ohio State University with inferior teams. Wooster took the first place in the Inter-college Field Day, Ohio State University being second and Denison third. A large number of Ohio men were present, and the day will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of Ohio college athletics. Bros. Riddle and Prestley representing Wooster in the State tournament, took third place. The contest was so close that, in the whole play, two games would have entirely changed the result.

There are to be a number of changes in the faculty in the fall. Dr. Kirkwood is now vice-president, in place of Dr. Black, who resigned, and a new professorship, that of Apologetics, is to be filled by the opening of the term. In the preparatory department faculty there will also be a number of changes. Profs. Ewing, Koehler, and McCortle, all retiring. Steps have been taken for the raising of \$80,000 for a new building, to be begun in the fall. The erection of a \$25,000 Y. M. C. A. building is now almost a certainty. About one hundred and fifty students subscribed \$5,000 in the short time of one week for the building, and an interest has been aroused which has never been felt before. Extensive additions are also being made to the Gymnasium this summer, so that at last it seems as if we are to obtain what Wooster has needed so long in the way of better and larger buildings.

The two college papers, the *Voice* and *Collegian*, have been purchased and combined. The new paper, which will be a sixteen page weekly, called the *Voice*, will be issued under the direction of a Board of Control of eight members, which elects four editors to serve one year. Sigma Chi is represented on the board by Bro. Henderson, and on the editorial staff by Bro. Fullerton.

We lost one man by graduation, Bro. Riddle, and his place in college and in the fraternity will be hard to fill. He will study law. We received a short visit from Bro. Cone, '88, a few days before Commencement, and had with us during that time Bros. Work, '84; Van Taylor, '87, and Ed. Taylor, '91. Bro. Fred Phelps, '89, was here a week during the term, and lent dignity and picturesqueness to our fraternity picture. Our prospects for the beginning of the year are the brightest, as we will start with ten men and are reasonably sure of two more, so that, unless something unexpected happens, we will be better off than we have been for a number of years at the beginning of the year.

AYLETTE FULLERTON.

ZETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The Commencement exercises at Washington and Lee University were very much enjoyed by every one in spite of the rain, which fell from the beginning to the end. The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by Dr. Goodwin, of Richmond. Sunday night the address before the Y. M. C. A. was delivered by Dr. Jackson, of the same city. Monday afternoon the annual regatta took place. This is always a very interesting feature of Commencement, but unfortunately this year Bro. Marshall was hurt a few days before, and, as he was stroke on one of the crews, his place was very hard to fill, and the substitute was unable to pull over the course, so the race was lost by the misfortune that befell the crew which had every prospect of winning. Monday night was the annual Society Celebration, which was very creditable and pleasant. ΣX was very handsomely represented on this occasion by Bro. Peck, who occupied "the chair." The Alumni Banquet took place Tuesday night, and was partaken of freely, and we hope thankfully. Wednesday night ended this enjoyable occasion by a grand ball, which was held in the new gymnasium.

The only Sig who came to see us this Final was Bro. Houston, of Union, West Virginia; he has visited Zeta several times during the winter, and, of course, we were very glad to see him again.

I think Zeta is to be congratulated upon the real true progress she made last session. As usual we were only six, but the six were thoroughly congenial, and each and every one of us enjoyed each other's company very much. Zeta will go back next year four strong to begin with,—two in the Law and two in the Academic Department. We will sustain great losses in the departure of Bros. Hobbs and Marshall; the former graduating, and the latter not expecting to return. The saddest time of all, was when the members of Zeta assembled at the depot to bid each other good-bye and God speed. Some expect to meet again on familiar grounds; others we may have bade good-bye for the last time. But we should all remember that the hearts that are knit together in the bonds of ΣX can never stop beating for each other.

R. E. LEE, JR.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Never has the saying, "Man proposes, but God disposes," been better exemplified than in the history of Eta Chapter for the past session. A month ago our prospects for honors at Commencement were higher than any other fraternity in the University. But misfortune had marked us for its own. Bro. Taylor, while he led his class in scholarship, failed in the contest for Phi Sigma's medals, though he did well; Bro. Huddleston also made a high record in the Sophomore, and failed in the medal contest; Bros. Vineyard and Glover led their respective classes; Bro. Glover's speech for the Anniversarianship was much complimented. Worst of all, Bro. Price was not with us at Commencement. His opponent, Amis, lacking two hours work of taking a degree, would not speak in the Senior Debate, but went home. Price was at home, and when he heard this, and that the Society had elected C. T. Johnson to fill Amis' place, he, with what we considered an over-refined sense of honor, refused to return to speak against any one save his colleague and friend, Amis. Letter after letter, telegram after telegram were sent urging him to return, and he probably would have done so at the last hour, if his baby had not been taken sick. So on the debate Hermeen's Senior medal went to Johnson, a $X \Psi$, by default. Nor is this all; about a month before Commencement Bro. Brougner had an attack of hip-disease, with which he has been afflicted sixteen years, went home and was confined to his room until Commencement, when he returned to Oxford on crutches, looking little like the

stalwart and vigorous man who left a month before. This weakness prevented his doing justice to himself on the debate, so Ross won the medal, though it was very close, each getting two votes on the first ballot, one judge voting a blank. At the business meeting of the Alumni, Bro. Brougher received a higher honor than even the medal, being elected, by acclamation, as Alumni Orator for '91; he is the first Alumnus who ever received this honor the year he graduated. Bro. Holmes was one of the Senior speakers on Commencement Day,—selected on his record,—and made a creditable speech on "The Student."

Our Commencement was made bright by the presence of our Alumni brothers, T. W. White, of Hernando, who was recently appointed a Trustee of the University; W. A. Roane; Rev. Crawford Jackson, of Cave City, Ga., who was orator for the Reunion of the Class of '84; Jno. F. Posey and his father from Union City, Tenn.; W. B. and F. Jones, with their beautiful sister, from Madison Station; Chas. and Robt. Friend, and Will Plant. Clarke Holmes' fair sister, and Judge Buchanan's charming daughter, made glad our hearts by wearing the blue and gold. It was quite a reunion of Eta's sons, and looking forward with undaunted courage to the future, they extend renewed greetings to our brothers wherever they may be found.

E. E. BROUGHER.

THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania College has closed her doors until September. For the fifty-seventh time she has bestowed her benediction on a graduating class, and sent it to join the army of the Alumni in the battle of the world. President McKnight preached the Baccalaureate Sermon in Christ Church on Sunday morning, June 22, and Rev. H. B. Wile, of Carlisle, made the annual address before the Y. M. C. A. of the College in the evening. Last year the "Johnstown flood" wrecked the graduation exercises, but the weather was delightful for the Class of '90.

This institution, since the establishment of the department of Physical Culture, has given the subject of athletics some attention (a thing hitherto unknown), and this year the students and strangers were furnished the amusement of a tennis tournament and field day. Monday, June 23, the two courts in the rear of the "new building" were surrounded by spectators, and the doubles began. Slowly the balls were served and returned, games won, courts changed, sets won, and then, ye gods! the match had simmered down to two pairs, and the weary on-lookers gave a gasp of relief, for it was Tuesday morning. A $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, Filbert, and a $\Phi K \Psi$, Turner, were the victors, but the contest was not so much which would play best, as which wouldn't play worst. They have yet to learn that tennis consists of a little more than pretty costumes and long sashes; and the referee seemed lamentably ignorant of the fact, that however hot the weather, the three-foot stick in the centre of the net is not capable of shrinking. No! the tennis tournament was a farce, pure and simple, and the field day, on Wednesday afternoon, was a similar success. One man captured about all the prizes, and the thing was miserably managed from start to finish.

Wednesday morning, in Brua Memorial Chapel, the first division of the Senior Class delivered orations, and on Tuesday, at the same hour, the second and last division thundered forth their bursts of forensic eloquence, and, as the last diploma was given, the '91 men grew just one foot, for they were seniors. Bro. Kershner was the only representative of Theta to secure the sheepskin, and we wish him joy with it. The "Commodore" will be missed, but we hope to see him often.

A prophecy that has been made in these letters for years, and again by the writer, while still an active member, is about to be fulfilled,—*Theta will have a chapter house and that within a year.* The Board of Trustees, on Wednesday, June 25, granted us permission to erect a chapter house on the campus, and, if it is possible, we will have

the dedication next Commencement. An enthusiastic meeting of the "boys" was held in Bro. J. B. McPherson's office, Wednesday evening, at which, in addition to the active members, were present, Dr. J. J. Weaver, '87; Dr. George N. Acker, '73; Rev. Charles M. Stock, '74; Bro. John B. McPherson, '83; Bro. Dan. O. Gehr, '87; Bro. N. C. McPherson and J. R. Scott, of '89. After discussing the chapter house, Brother Acker offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "*Resolved*, That the alumni heartily co-operate with the chapter in the building of the chapter house, and designate Bros. Glatfelter and Myers, as the representatives of the alumni on the committee already appointed by the chapter." As this committee, which was appointed several years ago, is now composed entirely of alumni, the building will remain in their hands. The house is to cost \$2,500, and will be fitted with all the requirements of the chapter. The site has not been definitely determined upon, but it will probably be on the crest of the knoll, to the rear of the new building. Bro. J. B. McPherson deserves the thanks of the entire chapter, from its founders down, for the enthusiastic and persevering way in which he has worked to make this house a certainty. He has had many discouragements, but by persistent work, and the handsome backing of the alumni, he has succeeded, almost beyond his expectations. It is with these delightful prospects that Theta rings down the curtain for the summer vacation; when it rises in the fall, there will be visible the growing walls of her new home.

J. R. SCOTT.

KAPPA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Kappa has in the estimation of its active members finished the happiest year of all its existence. Since the last issue of the *QUARTERLY* we have added one more to our active list. Allow me to introduce to you Bro. Voorhees S. Anderson, of Camden, N. J., who was chosen to end the work of the year and has proven a worthy and devoted Sig. Although we have taken no great prizes, neither in the class room nor on the rostrum, nevertheless we can say, and proudly, too, that there has been a spirit of unity and of duty—duty to fraternity and college.

Our Annual Symposium was held on Tuesday, June 24th, and was one of the most successful that Kappa has ever held. Among the most prominent Alumni members present were Bro. Alfred Taylor, New York City, and Bro. Eugene Emley, Patterson, N. J., Bro. Plannet, Nevada, Mo., Bro. D. B. Callaghan, Philadelphia. Toasts were responded to by the above gentlemen and other Alumni and active members. The evening was enjoyed to the utmost by all present, and served to bind more closely the active members and the alumni. Few persons could listen to the stirring events that the members of Kappa have passed through without having a feeling of reverence for the brothers that have passed through this ordeal, and also one of closer friendship towards his brothers with whom he is now battling against the waves.

The Fustin Gymnasium was dedicated Tuesday, June 24th, and, to the surprise of all, the debt which was on it was paid with the exception of \$500, and this will be quickly wiped out. The Sig. boys have all been identified with the base ball team, as Bros. Null, Magill and Anderson played on the team, while your humble scribe did duty as manager. Bro. Null was the mainstay of the team, and to him can be traced many victories of the past year.

The prospect looks brighter for the University as well as the Chapter for next year. Bro. Campbell will return, and together with the present four we will make a lively fight; and with fair winds and a sea clear of small craft we will be sure to take our share of the spoils from the numberless barbs.

Kappa acknowledges with thanks the receipt of "A Souvenir" from Delta Delta.

C. E. FOLMER.

LAMBDA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Lambda has closed the year's work in good style. She bids a happy vacation to eighteen of her loyal members of 1889-90, and will welcome back next September sixteen of the boys who stand for the cross. Throughout the year we have enjoyed the usual satisfaction of seeing some of the boys secure class honors and the most important prizes. Although Indiana University was not permitted to be represented in the State Oratorical, the primary contest was held, and if the University had been represented it would have been in the person of Bro. Ernest H. Lindley of the class of '91. We are also just conceited enough to believe that in the coming contest Indiana University will be represented by a wearer of the White Cross. Every man in the fraternity seems much inclined to do good literary work, and that is what we build upon.

During the year we have enjoyed visits from members of ^oXi, Delta Delta and Delti Chi. We are always anxious to hear of the usual prosperity of the sister chapters, and our prayers are always with them. We have also had about five evenings of the year made especially pleasant by the presence of a few of our Alumni. These evenings we think are exceedingly beneficial in that we learn how the Sigs of old swayed the scepter and carried the banner of Sigma Chi over strong seas. Bros. Scott, Norman and Robertson, Alumni, and Bro. Axtell of '91 and Batman, of '93, were with us Commencement week. We had no Seniors on the roll this year, but next year we will claim six, who are each very strong men and are thus the usual representatives of the class of '91.

We are expecting an unusually prosperous time in our next year. We hope that the Provincial Conventions may be continued, for from them we derive lasting benefit. Lambda will be represented by two of her members in the Biennial Convention, it being held at *any time*.

We are all very anxious to receive the Catalogue, for we realize that it is a thing that every Sig may be proud of, and that it will be of inestimable value in giving our young members a view of the fraternity at large, and we shall also realize in it a great help during the spiking season.

C. F. SHOEMAKER.

MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

The fifty-eighth Commencement of Denison University was celebrated on Thursday, the 19th of June. Twelve men were graduated, and a class more distinguished for scholarship, oratory, athletics, and general ability, never left the classic halls of Denison. Commencement week was crowded full of interesting entertainments, fittingly culminated by the graduating exercises, the college dinner, and last of all, the large and brilliant reception at Pres. Purinton's. One of the best things of the week was the reception and banquet of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, given on Saturday evening preceding Commencement. An elaborate banquet had been prepared, adding much to the enjoyableness of the occasion.

This reception was the closing event of a fairly successful year in chapter life. We should like to be able to report more additions to our membership, but our inability to do so comes from the lack of suitable men to become Sigma Chis. By the graduation of Bros. Wilkinson and Chamberlin, our number is reduced to five, well distributed and good men. Our hope is that the succeeding year may see a great many new men at Denison, from whom by earnest effort we may glean some for the honor and glory of Sigma Chi.

The year just closed has seen little growth in our college, yet on the whole it has been a good year. One of the best things which has happened to Denison in many

years was the great success of her ball club this season. In the series of games arranged by the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, Denison's nine won seven out of eight games, thus easily carrying off the championship pennant for which Wooster, Buchtel, Kenyon and Ohio State University vainly struggled. Denison also distinguished herself at the State Field Day held at Wooster. Bro. Brumbach, '92, is one of the best athletes in our college, taking part at Wooster, and also winning several prizes in our own field day exercises on June 16th.

We were glad to welcome during Commencement week many of the old boys, all of them winning laurels for themselves in their chosen professions. Among them were Bros. Keeler, of Cleveland; Howard Ferris, E. E. Ferris, J. B. Childe and F. R. Morse, of Cincinnati; H. C. Stilwell and B. F. McCann, of Dayton; H. B. Curtin, of Grafton, West Va., and G. A. Dorsey, of Cambridge, Mass.

W. A. CHAMBERLIN.

RHO—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Rho looks back on the past college year as an unusually pleasant and profitable one. There has been a noticeable good feeling among the fraternities this year, which, strange to say, has been credited to the interest taken in our foot ball and base ball teams.

Rho gave a party on the evening of May 31st to her numerous friends at the residence of D. W. Layman, Esq. Many alumni Sigs from Indianapolis, and representatives of Delta Chi, Xi and Lambda Chapters were present. The evening was spent in dancing, games and conversation.

Bro. Meeker has received an appointment to West Point, and will probably go if he passes the examinations. We will miss him very much next year if he should leave the chapter, but of course it is for the best, and we are glad that he has the opportunity of being a "West Pointer." At the last meeting of the Mathesian Society, Bros. Hay and Meeker were elected to represent that society on the staff of the *Butler Collegian*. Bros. Layman and Brewer represented the college in the tennis contest on the day of field sports for Indiana Colleges, held at Indianapolis, May 31st.

Commencement week closed on June 12th with the graduating exercises of the class of '90. On June 10th Bros. Meeker, Hay and Brewer acquitted themselves as true Sigs at the annual exhibition of the Mathesian Society.

Quite a number of alumni Sigs were in attendance at the Commencement exercises. Among them were Bros. Marsteller and Brown, '85; Helming, '88, and Mallon and Irwin, '89.

ROBERT P. LEAVITT.

CHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

Chi at length makes her reappearance in the pages of the QUARTERLY. Although so long absent, she has not been idle. We have had a reasonably successful year,—some triumphs and some reverses. We are proud to introduce as one of the results of the year's labor, two new brothers to the ΣX world—Frank Taylor and Thaddeus McCormack, both good fellows. Chi's share of honors this year is as follows: Foot ball team, three men; base ball, four; one of our men was instrumental in organizing the glee-club, in which we had four men; one of our men was graduated "*Magna cum laude*," and one [C. B. Edson—EDITOR] captured the two prizes in scholarship and elocution which are offered in the Freshman class. The year closed with a reception at the new chapter house, which is almost completed. All the other frats. and their "best girls" were there, and the best of feeling prevailed.

We have the brightest prospects for the next year, both in our own college and among the other colleges of the State. Athletic spirit is high, and one of our brothers, A. E. Wiggam, is President of the State Oratorical Association.

On the opening of the next college year we extend our hearty invitation to all Sigs to come and see us at our new house and partake of our hospitality.

C. B. EDSON.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The record which our chapter has to present to the Sigma Chi readers of the last QUARTERLY of this volume is not apparently so dazzlingly brilliant as that which some others may be able to produce. The University of Virginia gives no honors and makes no distinctions save between the good student and the bad one; there are no intermediate places. A student can learn from his Professor during Finals whether he made over or under the requisite 88½ per cent. on his examinations, and nothing more. There are no first, second or third honors—a student who makes 88½ per cent. on examinations gets his degree and receives the same honor and distinction as one who makes 99 per cent. There is very little *esprit de corps* here—all are very exclusive, and one is widely acquainted if he knows one-third of the students gathered here. As a consequence fraternity life ought to flourish here more than in any other institution, and it does. Fraternities here are nearly all composed of men who are each other's boon companions; the members are more select, too, as scarcely one-half of the students are admitted within the mystic circle.

Psi chapter in past years was the foremost and most influential chapter here, and that reputation we are endeavoring to sustain. We have in our chapter several of the most influential students of college, and are sure that none surpass us in the average standing. We expect this year two degrees in the Law Department and one degree of M. A. in the academic, while there will be numerous smaller diplomas taken. Our present Consul, Bro. McLemore, is one of the two champion single tennis players in college, while Bro. Talbot is the star pitcher of our base ball team, which played Princeton 4 to 9 and University of Pennsylvania 4 to 5. Bro. Minor is one of the editors of the annual "Corks and Curls," which promises to be a very interesting production this year. We have written to several chapters to exchange, but none have replied as yet. During the session we have had eleven members. Our prospects for next year are excellent indeed.

H. DENT MINOR.

OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since writing my last letter Northwestern has suffered a severe bereavement. Dr. Joseph Cummings, our honored President, died Wednesday morning, May 7, of heart trouble, in the 78d year of his age. His death was a shock to the community, as he had only a few days before recovered from a serious illness and had entered upon his college work with a new vigor. In his ambition to catch up with his work he again overtaxed his strength, and this time sacrificed his life to his labors for the institution which so warmly received and returned his love. During his nine years presidency he has raised Northwestern from a second-rate western college to one of the largest universities in the country. The attendance when he took his chair was about 600 students; at the time of his death there were 1,700 enrolled.

Dr. Cummings has always been a warm friend to college fraternities, being himself a $\Phi N \Theta$ and $\Phi B K$, and the presence and prosperity of the eleven Greek Letter societies here is due in a great measure to his fostering care and friendly influence. One of his last acts in behalf of the University was the use of his mighty influence in bringing Phi Beta Kappa honors to the institution. The measure was opposed by many Eastern colleges, but by his personal work in behalf of Northwestern the degree was brought here and conferred on members of the class of '90.

Until a new President can be selected Dr. Oliver Marcy, our venerable Senior Professor, has consented to assume the duties under title of Acting President. The

work is, however, divided between Dr. Marcy, Dr. Sheppard and Dr. Fisk. The Evans Chair of Philosophy left vacant by Dr. Cummings' death, will be filled by Dr. H. F. Fisk, Principal of the Preparatory Department. Prof. G. H. Horswell has returned from Europe and taken the Chair of Latin in the Preparatory Department. E. H. Moore, the talented young mathematician, has been transferred from the Preparatory Department to a College Professorship. Three new instructors have been assigned to the Preparatory Department, and two to the Collegiate. James T. Hatfield, A. M., will assume the Chair of German in the fall.

The University has entered a period of great financial prosperity. By the revaluation of 1890 the Grand Pacific Hotel property was adjudged to be worth \$712,000, which gives the University an annual rental of \$53,400 for ten years from April 1, 1890. In addition to this the University has within the past few months purchased the west half of the Grand Pacific Hotel building, at a cost of \$40,000—a very low figure. The annual income from this and other sources will reach nearly \$180,000.

The selection of a new President is a matter of great importance. The name of Prof. Rogers, of Ann Arbor, is being seriously considered. From all that can be learned no wiser choice could well be made, as he is young, has unusual executive ability, and a power of drawing men to him that would be of great service in such a position.

Sigma Chi has been enjoying itself right royally. Our annual reception was given in our chapter house the evening of the N. W. U.-Madison ball game. Bros. Loyal and Sam Durand, F. S. Sheldon and J. E. Sarles of the Alpha Lambda chapter, together with their friends Messrs. Freeman, Chapman and Brumder, were with us and tripped their light fantastic toes along with the rest of the company until nearly two in the morning. Half a dozen times in the last two months there has been a sound of revelry by night in the "Sig." house. The events were happy little dancing parties given to the sweet little Fem-Sem dames by their captives.

We have one more pledged member, Mr. Paul Noyes of the Sophomore class. He requested that his initiation be postponed until next fall. Our chapter has lost one member by graduation, Bro. Jesse J. Shuman. We expect to resume work in the fall with twelve members.

It is impossible to express in cold type the warm thanks we owe to the Sigs of Madison and Beloit, Wis., for the elegant way in which they treated the members of Omega who accompanied the ball nine. The Sunday spent at Madison will be remembered as one of the happiest days of a lifetime.

Our negotiations for a handsome lot near the University for a chapter house are fast reaching a head, and in the next *Bulletin* we hope to publish a detailed statement of our plan.

Our present handsome house will run with doors wide open to every Sig all summer. We extend a cordial invitation to all Sigs in the neighborhood to run up to Evanston and spend a few days here. Tennis, boating, fishing, bathing and the prettiest, coolest little town on earth are some of the inducements we have to offer. There is no lack of Sigs at Evanston. This invitation is more than a matter of form; if you don't believe it, come and see.

R. ROY SHUMAN.

DELTA DELTA—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

The college year, closing June 4, proved to be one of the most successful in the history of Delta Delta. We achieved success in the class-room, carried off our share of literary honors, presented able men in field sports, and issued a very well received college book, in the shape of a "Souvenir" of Purdue University.

Delta Delta graduated three men this year,—Jasper M. Dresser received the degree of B.S. He will study law with his father, Senator Dresser, of Lafayette, for a year;

then he enters the University of Michigan to pursue a complete course in law. C. Russ Richards, as a B.M.E., starts out into the active mechanical world, under the employ of D. Werst & Son, a large building firm at South Bend, Ind. F. Paul Anderson, B.M.E., has assumed the duties of mechanical draftsman with Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., South Bend, Ind.

Although having only three men out of a class of twenty-nine, we were well represented on Class and Commencement days. Brother Richards was Valedictorian of '90, Brother Anderson delivered the eulogy to John Purdue on class day, and represented the Mechanical Engineers on Commencement day. Since the last issue of the magazine, Delta Delta has initiated two men, and we consider both of them jewels in the college. William J. Etten is a leading member of the class of '92, a skillful and cultured literary man, and a polished gentleman. Brother Etten's home is in Lafayette. David Wallace, of Indianapolis, is our latest addition. He is a member of '93, a thorough student, an expert performer on piano and guitar, and one of those congenial, whole-souled fellows who give fraternity circles much of their charm. Brother Wallace is a nephew of Lew Wallace, of "Ben Hur" fame.

Next year Delta Delta will not start out with many men, but those on her roll are of the right kind of "stuff" to bring the proper kind of men into close association with the White Cross. We regret the loss of Bro. George Ade, as one of our Lafayette alumni. His bright face and encouraging words will be greatly missed by our boys who return to college in the fall. But what is Lafayette's loss will be Chicago's gain, for Brother Ade is an exceptionally bright writer and witty conversationalist.

The old Delta Delta boys who attended Commencement were,—J. Sam Shortle, of Frankfort; J. T. McCutcheon, of Chicago; W. K. Eldridge, of Indianapolis; Earl E. Stafford, of Indianapolis; James McClamrock, of Frankfort; and C. S. Downing, of Monon.

One of the most enjoyable events of the year was the Sigma Chi banquet, given on the night of June 4. The Lahr House parlors were brilliantly illuminated, and the profuse decorations of plants made them look like veritable flower gardens. Twenty-five congenial "spirits" sat down to a feast served in nine courses. The President of the University, James H. Swart, ΣX , was with us, and he made a speech greatly encouraging the boys in their fraternity work. He spoke many words of praise for our "Souvenir," and emphasized the fact that ΣX has proven itself to be a benefit to Purdue University. Hon. Rufus McGee, a Beta Theta Pi, from Logansport, was also present at our banquet. He made the whole occasion one of hilarity and good feeling. He spoke for an hour on the benefits of Greek-letter organizations; and, although he has been without the halls of a college for twenty-five years, he was as enthusiastic in his expressions of praise as any active college man.

Delta Delta has enjoyed many pleasant relations with her sister chapters during the year, especially with Delta Chi.

F. PAUL ANDERSON.

DELTA CHI—WABASH COLLEGE.

After the hurry and confusion of the close of the school year with its examinations and Commencement and the like, Delta Chi stops again to rest. A number of our boys stayed for Commencement exercises, and all who did spent an enjoyable time. Thirty-two men left old Wabash to try their chances in the cold, cruel world. On the afternoon of June 17 the corner-stone of our new library building was laid. This building will cost \$40,000, and will be completed before the end of the first term of next year. The year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the college.

In the class room and in society Delta Chi stands first. This year several of the young ladies have been converted to the only true and glorious light of Sigma Chi.

There have been several receptions given by "our girls," both to the frat. and to the general society. At one of these delightful affairs we were pleased to have several of the $\Delta\Delta$ brothers present. After this some of "our friends the enemy" went around whining because they had not met some of the visiting Sigs. Ye gods, what babies! For over a year ΔX has been laboring to come into more intimate connection with her sister chapters. The mere occasional meeting once or twice a year has not satisfied her. This spring for the first time has she had anything approaching this. We are glad to say that we have received visits from brothers of $\Delta\Delta$, P and A , and we have visited them. Nothing improves a chapter so much as visits from other chapters. We hope that this interchange of visits may be continued next year.

At our last meeting some of the Maids of the Athens honored us with ice cream and strawberries and cake, which we knew how to take care of. Bro. Erickson is spending the summer at a female seminary for reasons unknown to any one but himself. Bro. Murphy is dealing in real estate in Sullivan. Bro. Lewis is pining away in solitary grandeur in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and mourning at the decline of the Brotherhood. Our own Bro. Ream is practicing Mendelssohn's Wedding March for Bro. Randall, who is spending the summer trying to decide whether it shall be played in Crawfordsville or Shelbyville. Bro. Mowers is spending the summer as usual, studying hard.

Wishing all our sister chapters the most pleasant of vacations and a successful new year, we will close with the statement that the doors of Delta Chi are always open to wandering Sigs, and that they will always receive a warm and cordial welcome.

SAXE W. MOWERS.

ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

With Zeta Zeta fortune has floated on the crest of many waves. Our cup has repeatedly filled to overflowing; we can credit this to no mere happening, however, for we have passed, in the past four years, through an exacting crisis, and by work only we took such into the fold as should repay us in time by placing honors to the chapter capital. With great pleasure we have heretofore announced a membership aggregating seventeen; this past session,—three years ago,—we began with two, so no weak chapter need despair where there is ample determination. Make a strong, steady pull, and the victory you strive for will surely come. From time to time we have spoken of such success as has perched upon our banners. The efforts of our orators in sundry contests have been in great measure equalled by the class-room honors won by others, by the social preferment that still other members of our fold revelled in, and by numerous "honorable mentions." Brother Grubbs shared the Valedictory equally with a classmate with whom he has divided every honor throughout his course; he was awarded in addition a full share in the Ormond Beatty Senior Prize. This prize was endowed a few years since to mark the completion of President Beatty's fifty years connection with the institution. For three years the venerable time-honored doctor was reminded by this annual announcement of the distribution made of the money given in his name, by loving alumni; but, alas! scarce a week from the time he signed the diplomas of the class of '90, he was laid to his last rest by a sorrowing people, who so admired him for his learning and loved him for his stainless purity. Though past the allotted four score and ten, age had not bent his frame nor diminished his force in mind and body. His kindly manner and abundant mercy made a youth once under his instruction ever his warm admirer. Hundreds of alumni and thousands of friends will hallow his character as one worthy of imitation.

While Dr. Beatty's work was one of the class-room in the main, his successor's especial attention has been given to increasing the endowment and more thoroughly

advertising the institution. The \$40,000 in new buildings which will be completed in this twelve months, the forty-six free Scholarships, new Professorships in English, Modern Languages, and Instructor in Athletics, attest the measure of success President Young has gained by the labor of two short years. That the grand old college may be so multiplied in its usefulness as to do a grander work even than it has hitherto done, that Sigma Chi may spread and increase, holding her standards higher and higher as she marches to the fore ranks, and that our beloved land, without respect to locality, may prosper while the world remains in peace, is the continuing hope of

JNO. S. VAN WINKLE.

ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The year just closed has been one of flattering success for the University or Cincinnati. This year's catalogue shows an attendance of nine hundred students in all departments of the University. Of these, however, seven hundred and seventy-nine are in the two medical colleges, the College of Pharmacy and the College of Dental Surgery. The Ohio Medical College graduated ninety-one doctors this spring, and the Miami thirty-one. Twenty-three druggists were graduated from the College of Pharmacy, and the College of Dental Surgery turned out forty-five tooth-pullers. The class graduated by the Academic Department consists of eleven members, two of whom are Sigs, viz., Charles T. Coppock and Harry E. Warrington.

The graduating exercises were held on the evening of June 17, in the Odeon, a charming little theatre belonging to the College of Music. Two students received the degree of B.A.; three received B.L.; three, B.S., and three, C.E. Among those receiving B.S., was Coppock. Warrington, who received C.E., read a paper on the subject of "Bridge Foundations." Martin W. Sampson and John K. Scudder, both of Zeta Psi, the former '88, and the latter '86, received the degree of M.A. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Judge Samuel F. Hunt, the retiring President of the Board of Trustees. On the evening of June 14, Professor Eddy, Dean of the Faculty, gave a reception at his palatial residence on Walnut Hills, in honor of the class, and on the evening of June 19, the Alumni Association tendered them a reception and banquet at the Gibson House.

The alumni are interesting themselves in the removal of the university to Burnet Woods, and there is no doubt that in a few years we shall be installed in that most beautiful and spacious park in America; and among the most magnificent buildings to be erected there, not the least attractive will be the chapter hall of Zeta Psi, as some of the most prominent and influential men of our city are Sigs, and, although only a nominal organization is maintained among them, they stand ready to assist us when the proper time comes. Our present quarters have recently undergone a thorough renovation, and the interior of the hall is richly adorned with blue and gold, and several magnificent oil paintings.

The University sustained what for a time we considered an irreparable loss in the person of James Morgan Hart, our Professor of English Literature and Modern Languages, who resigned to accept the professorship of Rhetoric and English Philosophy at Cornell University. His place here will be filled, however, by Professor Brown of Cornell, who is said to be a most excellent scholar. The Greek chair, vacated by the resignation of Prof. J. M. Leonard, is to be filled by Prof. W. E. Watters of Hughes High School. The new professor is a graduate of Yale, and is the author of a Greek text-book.

The annual Field Day exercises were held at the Cincinnati Ball Park, May 28, in the presence of about three thousand people. The freshmen won eleven of the seventeen events, and Sigma Chi carried off the honors of the day, in the person of Clyde P. Johnson, who broke all previous records, throwing the ball three hundred and thirty-one feet. The U. of C. ball team is still in the lead in the College League.

We expect to commence next year with seven active members, while we have several good men in view. With our own fraternity on the best of terms with the faculty, and its members full of vim, vigor and victory, the interests of Sigma Chi are being well cared for at the University of Cincinnati.

Prof. O. W. Sproull, our *frater in facultate*, has recently had the degree of LL.D. conferred on him by the University of Wooster.

THOMAS C. SHOTWELL.

THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Theta Theta closes a very prosperous year with twenty-one members. Eight are to graduate, all from the Law Department,—B. J. Boutwell, G. B. Shattuck, P. A. Walling, J. F. Zeigler, J. R. Sutton, W. C. Parmenter, E. E. Sullivan, and W. R. Rummler. All have been admitted to the bar, and expect to go at once into active practice, where they carry with them the best wishes of the younger brothers they leave behind.

Theta Theta has quite a number of alumni from other chapters, who have become active this year. They are A. C. Rietbrock, Alpha Lambda; F. H. Johnson, Alpha Kappa; F. A. Borradaile, Theta Theta, '81; Sam E. Low, Chi; and D. A. Pelton, Alpha Kappa. The following are the new men taken in this year: R. Bruce Francis, Geo. L. Nye, Asa H. Danforth, C. W. Munger, P. W. Andrews, W. R. Dedrick and H. D. Wood.

On my way home I was obliged to wait in Piqua, Ohio, four hours between trains. I was an utter stranger in the city, and while walking about to pass away the time, was somewhat surprised to see a gentleman staring at me in a remarkable manner. Matters were soon explained, the gentleman proving to be Bro. Royer, of Gamma. He was attracted by the pin I wore, and hence the acquaintance. This proves the advisability of every Sig wearing a pin. It was so near train time when I met Bro. Royer, that we had but little time together; but meeting him as I did, it aroused in me a full appreciation of the benefits of fraternity life.

GEO. L. NYE.

ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

As this is the end of the college year, Alpha Beta has been having a lively time. Commencement and class days were celebrated in quick succession, and were much enjoyed. We lose two men this year, Bros. Townsend and Bailey. Both of them have been active in the interests of the fraternity, and the chapter will miss them very much. The number of members will not be diminished, however, as we have several men in view whom we will probably take in at the commencement of next year.

Looking back at the year just completed, Alpha Beta has every reason to feel satisfied. Though no remarkable things were accomplished, not one of us have felt constrained to "leave Berkeley on important business." We have spent a large sum in furnishing the house, and have kept house since December last. We are now arranging to improve our condition in every way, and expect to be in a flourishing condition next year.

J. R. HASKIN.

ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

A very pleasant Commencement has closed a very pleasant term. And first as to base-ball,—let us pass on. But, of course, we shall try again next year. We think we are going to have a strong foot-ball eleven this fall. During the ball season we had some very pleasant visits from our Ω , $A A$ and $A \Sigma$ brothers.

The class of '90 contained eight men, the last class belonging to that time when small numbers marked the College's lack of means. With the rising prosperity of

the College have come larger classes, until it is expected that the class of '94 will number nearly fifty. Commencement week opened with the Baccalaureate sermon by President Eaton, before an audience of a thousand. Then followed the Prize Declamations, Address before the Archæan Union and Y. M. C. A., Rice Prize Extemporaneous speaking, alumni dinner and meeting, and class day exercises. Class day exercises were held on the shady campus, and made a pretty scene. The seniors were clad in mortar-boards and gowns, and the exercises were good. The juniors appeared in silk tiles to receive from the hands of Bro. Cunningham the mantle of dignity.

The graduation exercises on the next day were full of the usual lofty eloquence. The valedictory addresses were delivered by Bro. Matheson. But the climax of interest came when, immediately afterward, Prex arose to make the announcements in behalf of the Trustees. These were received with cheers and the oft-repeated college yell, which made the church ring. About a hundred thousand dollars have been pledged on Science Hall, and it is likely to be begun in the fall. Mrs. Doyan, of Madison, gives \$15,000 as a memorial for her mother, Mrs. Herrick (who built our Observatory), for a chapel to cost \$25,000. Half of this needed \$10,000 has been already raised. Another lady, of Milwaukee, promises for the chapel, when finished, a \$4,000 pipe organ. An athletic field of four acres has been given to the students by Mrs. J. R. Adams, of Chicago. This goes right to the boys' hearts. D. B. Waldo, of Harvard, is to be added to the role of teachers as instructor in history and rhetoric. Ex-President Chapin's portrait will be hung in Memorial Hall. President Chapin has completed forty years of service for Beloit. From the church a large part of the audience repaired to Science Hall, where the building was formally dedicated. Commencement dinner followed with the concert in the evening.

Of our alumni from abroad there were present Clarence S. Pellet and wife, John V. Norcross and E. B. Martin and wife.

Since our last letter we have initiated W. F. McCabe, '92. Let us not forget to chronicle one more of Mrs. Ingersoll's delightful entertainments. Progressive cinch and dancing formed the program, which could not possibly have been carried out more pleasantly.

ALBERT W. WHITNEY.

ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

With the coming of the summer Technology conferred her degrees and closed her lecture-rooms. The Alpha Theta Sigs, with the rest of Boston's elite, quit the city for cooler and pleasanter regions, leaving the chapter-rooms to the protection of Bro. Stebbins, '86, and Bro. Merrill, '89, whose business interests keep them chained to the city for the summer.

For the first time in her history, Alpha Theta was not represented in the graduating class; but happily the absence of the White Cross from the decorations which '90 carried forth into the world, was not a source of regret to those most deeply interested in the welfare of Sigma Chi, for out of the entire class of eighty men but two were members of any fraternity having a chapter here. The boys parted therefore with the knowledge that they should all meet again next fall, and are now scattered from New Orleans to New Brunswick and from San Francisco to Leipsic. Four farewell spreads were given with fewer men around the board, until finally Alpha Theta diminished to Bros. Stebbins and Merrill, who are the weekly recipients of tales of horror in the shape of letters from the departed ones, and are occasionally given a surprise party by some one of the brothers on his way through town.

We shall have fifteen men to start with, all experienced in fraternity life and Institute affairs, and therefore expect that the coming year will be a red-letter one for Alpha Theta.

W. H. MERRILL, JR.

ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement day exercises occurred here June 12, and brought some changes. Professors Wait and Fry, both old and valued members of the Faculty, severed their connection with the institution. Their places have not as yet been filled, but it is understood that plans are rapidly being perfected to supply them. The graduating class numbered fifteen. It distinguished itself by getting up an unusual dissension even for this institution. This disagreement, however, had the good result of advertising the institution locally, as both factions of the class issued elaborate invitations, and the class day exercises given by one faction attracted the attention and attendance of pretty nearly all Bloomington.

Sigma Chi graduated three members. Bro. Wetzel will soon be in the mission field of the M. E. Church in Utah. Bro. Potter, in the fall, will become Principal of the Greenfield, Ill., schools, and Bro. Nate will temporarily fill a business position in Chicago, before entering upon a course of professional study.

The probabilities are that the chapter will begin the Fall term with its usual strength, and make a successful year of 1890-91. All communications of interest to the chapter may be addressed to S. S. Hutchinson, Greenfield, Ill., during the Summer.

Immediately following Commencement, Bros. Loehr, Woodworth and Nate, respectively of '85, '86 and '90, enjoyed a protracted camping trip in the region of Starved Rock, on the Illinois River. Any Sigma Chi who may hereafter visit that region, will find the usual percentage of fraternity symbols decorating the surrounding landscape. Bro. R. F. Potter, '89, delivered the 4th of July oration at Greenfield, where, in addition to the crowd, he had the sympathy and presence of nearly enough local Sigs to form a local alumni chapter.

The Board of Trustees, at their annual meeting, distinguished themselves by a number of measures calculated to bless future generations of Wesleyans. Among others of interest to the chapter was the appointing of a censorship for the college papers next year.

We hope to be represented at the Convention next fall, and meet the many Sigs to be there assembled.

J. C. NATE.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

This being the last letter of the year, I will make a brief review of the chapter life for the college year. Sept. 11, '89, found eleven Sigs in Madison ready for work. Bro. Tibbits soon appeared. The rushing season was very severe, but we pledged and initiated five men. Bro. Tibbits' health failed and he was compelled to leave school for a visit to Debeque, Col. Bro. Kemper was called home by the sickness of his mother, and after her death he was detained at home. He returned for a short visit during this spring term. The other fifteen are still in college. Bro. J. Howard Morrison graduates from the law school. He will locate in Superior, Wis., and will be in business in the Wisconsin block.

The chapter has been very fortunate in obtaining a fine chapter house and in furnishing it very satisfactorily. Since taking the property we have put up a boat house and graded the back yard for a tennis court.

Bros. Dexter and Sylvester were Lieutenants and Bro. Morgan Sergeant-Major in the battalion this year. Bros. Myers and Lardner will be Captains and Bro. Johnson a First Sergeant next year. Bro. Sarles is one of the buglers. Bro. H. H. Morgan is Personal Editor on the *Egis*. Bro. Myers is a debater on Philomatics, Semi-Public next year.

The fraternities at the U. of W. put ball nines in the field this year. $\Phi K \Psi$ and $X \Psi$ had very strong nines. $B \Theta \Pi$ and ΣX not having nine ball players in either chapter, combined. We were defeated by $X \Psi$. All the chapters here are flourishing, as far as is known. The last class was well filled with fraternity material, and everything promises well for the next class. Kappa Alpha Theta entered the University with nine members. They have a very strong set of girls, both intellectually and socially. They were well received.

The University has sustained an irreparable loss by the death of Prof. Allen, otherwise her course has been one of advancement. Library hall has been made stronger by four large stone piers, two each on the north and south sides.

The Seniors were divided into two divisions for rhetorical work. The side having the greatest total number of marks was banqueted by the other side. From each side four were chosen and these were to compete for the Lewis prize, the side having the greatest total number of marks winning the prize.

The base ball nine have won the pennant by winning all but one game played. They lost to Northwestern at Evanston. They defeated St. Paul, Minneapolis and Sioux City league clubs. The nine was given a grand reception when it returned home. Tennis has not received much attention among the different schools in the Tennis Association this year.

It is with pleasure that I am able to write our thanks to the boys of Alpha Zeta, Alpha Sigma, and Omega for their visits this spring. With the ball team from Beloit came three Sigs. Their stay was necessarily short, but it was a pleasure to see them even for so short a time. Then came the Minneapolis boys. Bros. Hoyt and Kennedy stopped with us for a day, then went to Evanston and returned with the boys from the N. W. U. It was a pleasure to see these brothers, and we hope each year will see some of them with us. May 24th the Evanston boys came up. The neighbors declare that we must have had a "choice" time. We enjoyed every moment of their visit. To impress them of our gratitude five of Alpha Lambda went to Evanston with the U. of W. nine. Our boys are loud in their praises of Omega's hospitality, and think the Sig girls of Evanston are charming. These visits from our sister chapters put life into the fellows and make us more loyal and determined Sigs. It is gratifying to learn that $A Z$ is to have a chapter house. $A A$ now is looking to Bloomington to complete that chain of Sig. chapter houses in the Northwest. How long must we wait, Alpha Iota?

Alpha Lambda, together with the brothers of Alpha Sigma would call the attention of the fraternity to the University of North Dakota. It is bound to grow. We think an early entrance is advisable.

G. G. ARMSTRONG.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Once more the doors of the University of Texas are closed, and the labors of Alpha Nu for the session of 1889-90 are ended. At the beginning of the session just closed only two Sigma Chis returned—Bros. Culver and Young. Although at first the prospects were anything but favorable, they went to work with a will and in a short time we had an active and enthusiastic chapter consisting of nine good and worthy men. While our chapter has not been so strong in numerical strength, we have been without a rival in brotherly feeling and enthusiasm.

Our commencement exercises reflected credit alike on the students and the University. The two literary societies, The Athenæum and The Rusk, had a joint celebration. Each society was ably represented by their best men. The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Ward, of New York City. The University Address was delivered by Ex-Attorney-General McCleary, who is one of the ablest lawyers and orators in the "Lone Star State." The exercises wound up with a final ball, which was well attended and was a grand affair.

The University re-opens in September, and we expect to do some good work for the fraternity. We hope next session to place Alpha Nu in a position which will be second to none in the line of fraternity work.

Bro. Culver was the only one of our boys to graduate. He intends to locate at Sherman, Texas, for the purpose of practicing law. Bro. Skeen was unanimously elected President of The Athenaeum Literary Society at its last meeting. Bro. Parks has left for his home in Lewisville, Ark., and is not expected to return. Bros. Nash, Young, J. T. and J. L. Selman and Skeen will be at the University next year. Bros. Buck and Rogers will not return. Bro. Rogers expects to embrace the profession of medicine, and will leave this fall for some Eastern medical college. E. O. SKEEN.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The school year of 1889-90 is over, and while things are not what they might have been, yet on the whole we are disposed to think that some ground has been gained, and that Sigma Chi in the University of Kansas is on a better footing than ever before. It is true things did not run smoothly for a time, yet when we did get straightened up we were more congenial, we did better work, and are more loyal men than if it had been smooth sailing throughout the entire year. We lost only two men by graduation this year, Bro. Wescott, who enters the law profession in Missouri, and Bro. Adams, who is undecided yet as to what he will do.

We look forward to next year with bright hopes and cheerful anticipations. We expect to start out with seven or eight men, all enthusiastic.

In honors this spring we succeeded in taking a modest share. In athletics on Field Day we were represented by Bro. L. A. Smith, who succeeded in capturing about two-thirds of all the prizes offered. He is undoubtedly the best all-round athlete that has ever been in the University. Bro. Jas. D. Bowersock won the first in singles and was in the team that took first in doubles in the tennis tournament. Bro. Bowersock was also chosen manager of the base ball club for next year. Bro. Adams won first prize for long throw. From this it would seem that Alpha Xi might be able to protect herself if brawn could avail anything. In class work this year we feel that we have done well. Our men have done better work and received higher grades. Before school closed we managed to pledge Carl Philipps, who graduated in the Pharmacy and will enter the Freshman collegiate class next year.

W. E. SWANK.

ALPHA OMICRON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

At length the end of the school year has been reached, the Commencement held, farewells spoken, and the boys departed. *En passant*, there is nothing so sad to a meditative nature as the closed doors and deserted campus of the old college. It seems so unreal to find the halls empty and the whole place pervaded by that strange silence which seems all the stranger by the contrast with the noise of a few weeks ago. So Tulane as well as her sister colleges is closed, and has had her Commencement, and a right good one it was. So many of the boys deserve special mention for their excellence that enumerating would weary. This was a big year for our college. The attendance amounted to 1,239, out of which 141 graduated. What Southern school can beat this?

Shortly before disbanding for the season the Sigs initiated a new member. He is a fine, sterling fellow—J. Dyson Britton, Jr. He gave us a hard tussle before we could subdue his barbarian spirit, but proved himself to be a man of much mettle. After the ceremonies we adjourned to Moreau's and drank the new brother's health and the fraternity's well over a cozy little supper. Many of our old-time friends were with us. The faces of Bros. Parker, Gasquet, Leovy, Fenner, Perkins, Walmsley and Hayward shone in our midst with joy and pride as they listened with atten-

tive ear to the reports of the younger members as they recited the prosperity of the chapter; and then some one, or rather all together, proposed that next year we should own our own house, so all the alumni present rose and pledged themselves to subscribe such amount as might be needed to secure the coveted ownership of a building. A house committee was appointed instantler to examine suitable quarters, and as they are good men and ones whose energy is unbounded, it is safe to say that before many months Alpha Omicron chapter of Sigma Chi will have a grand house warming and invite her friends to enjoy her hospitality and wish her prosperity.

It will not be long before we will again gather together to explain the mysteries of our order to another anxious applicant, a person of great worth and one upon whom every other fraternity has cast an anxious eye. HEWES T. GURLEY.

ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

As the spring term, and with it the college year, draws to a close it finds Alpha Pi in as prosperous condition as one could well desire. To be sure, as we look back over the record of the year's work, we do not find it characterized by a large number of initiates, only one man having been added to our number; still, it has never been our custom to vie with our rival fraternities in respect to numbers. We close the year with the same number of active members with which we started, Bro. Rockafellow having left us at the close of last term. It is quite unnecessary to add that we miss him, not only as an earnest, energetic fraternity worker, but also as one of the best of our college athletes. In Bros. Peirce, Fiske and Van Loo, who will graduate at the approaching Commencement, we lose three of our best men. Confident in their ability to achieve success, we predict a large measure of it for them in whatever field of labor they may engage; and as they take their places among the loyal alumni of Alpha Pi we assure them, as we do all those who have preceded them, that we shall ever be deeply interested in their welfare, and always glad to hear of their successes. Bro. Peirce has already secured a fine situation as Principal of the Ludington High School. The plans of Bros. Fiske and Van Loo for next year are not yet definitely formed. After this term we shall no longer be honored by the presence and know the careful watchcare of a charter member, as Bro. Fiske is the last one to graduate.

This year it fell to the lot of Albion to entertain the other colleges of the state on the occasion of the annual Field Day of the Michigan Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. The meeting was a complete success and totally eclipsed all previous Field Days of the Association, both in attendance and in the general excellence of the sports. Too much credit cannot be given Bro. L. W. Anderson, who as Director of Sports and Secretary of the Association, had his plans so perfected that there was a complete absence of that tediousness which is so frequently noticeable in meetings of this nature. In Bros. Landon and Burnham we have the captains of the base ball pennant-winners and foot ball champions of the association. There are five Sigs in each team. At last we have won the long-coveted base ball championship, and are the proud possessors of a handsome pennant in college colors presented by our ladies.

We wish through the QUARTERLY to congratulate our brothers of Delta Delta upon the enterprise and skill which they have shown in the publication of a Souvenir of Purdue. The work is indeed a beauty.

Albion College is well up with the times, and the increase of attendance this year has been very marked. We anticipate a most enjoyable Commencement week. As this is the year for the Quinquennial reunion of the literary societies probably an unusually large number of alumni will be present. Hon. George L. Yaple, Omega, '71, will deliver an address before the Electic and Atheneiades Society, and Dr. John Rhey Thompson, of New York, will speak Commencement day. As we are scattered far and wide during the summer vacation our thoughts will often wander back

to Old Albion, and at an early day in the fall a goodly number of us will return with the determination to keep the White Cross at the front during another year.

JAMES H. BARTLEY, JR.

ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

All Lehigh men can look back upon the collegiate year just closed with a feeling of pride and unmixed satisfaction. In all directions it has been a memorable year. But the remarkable progress that has been made in college athletics will appeal to the hearts of all Lehigh men above any more serious considerations. Other years have had their triumphs, but never before has such complete success crowned our athletic enterprises. Beginning last fall with the foot-ball team, than which there were few better in the country and none more honest, and whose prowess won for the college a wide-spread and substantial reputation, the spring season witnessed the novelty of a large string of base ball victories, and the development of a nine of unusual excellence, besides putting forth a powerful team to successfully contest for the inter-collegiate championship in lacrosse. It is rumored that a new Electrical Laboratory will be erected during the coming year to accommodate the large number of men who are taking the course in electricity.

The Souvenir of Purdue which we received from $\Delta \Delta$ was much admired by all who saw it. The editors of the '91 *Epitome* Board were called before Dr. Lamberton and censured because of the allusions to the Faculty in their work. The Faculty had originally voted to suspend the whole board for one year, but as this was the first time any action had been taken on the subject, the motion was deemed too harsh and was subsequently reconsidered.

Bro. A. M. Smyth graduated this year, and is now with a mining company at Pineville, Clay Co., Ky. Bros. Hubbard and Lefèvre, of New York, were in Bethlehem to see old chums during Commencement week. They are both ascending the ladder of fame with mighty strides.

If I mistake not, next term will see the establishment of a chapter of $B \Theta \Pi$ at this University.

J. T. HOOVER.

ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The college year of 1890 is at last finished and vacation is at hand. Alpha Sigma has lost five members this year, but we are still in good form for work in the fall, as at least eight or nine will return.

Since our last letter the following fraternities have entered the institution: Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, and Pi Beta Phi. There are also rumors of others yet to come, especially Psi Upsilon, but it does not seem as if the University could possibly support many more, as there are now fourteen.

The graduating class was much larger than any previous one, numbering over a hundred (including the law and medical students). Graduation week was one of pleasure and excitement, the exercises consisting of baccalaureate service, field sports, class day, alumni day, commencement, the president's reception, and last, but not least, the senior promenade in the large drill hall. Just as the dance programme was nearly completed the electric lights were suddenly turned off and the dancers found themselves in total darkness. It was quite lively for a time, until lights were brought so that those present could find the dressing-rooms.

Our junior annual, "The Gopher," has at last appeared, and is pronounced by all to be one of the best of its class ever published. The chapter has also received a copy of the "Souvenir," published by Delta Delta chapter. It shows that much labor has been spent in its preparation, and is a work of which the whole fraternity may be proud. Cannot some other chapter show a like spirit and start the new song-book so much needed?

E. B. GARDINER.

Personalialia.

ROBERT B. PARKER—Alpha Omicron, '89—is in the wholesale grocery and cotton business with his father, in the firm of John M. Parker & Co., 101 and 103 Poydras St., New Orleans, La.

FRANK PITTMAN—Alpha Lambda, '89—has charge of Dr. Pulford's drug store at Mineral Point, Wis.

R. B. CLARKSON—Alpha Lambda, '90—has a position with Marshall & Ilsey's bank, at Milwaukee, Wis.

E. S. BUTTRICK—Alpha Lambda, '91—has recently entered the employ of the Wisconsin Central R. R. at Milwaukee, Wis.

S. B. HARDING—Alpha Lambda, '93—is a draughtsman in the employ of the Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Company, Wauwatosa, Wis.

THE following members of Alpha Omicron, class of 1889, are employed in the respective public buildings in New Orleans, La.: **P. M. Milner**, in the City Hall; **G. H. Norton**, in the Post Office; and **T. T. Carter**, in the U. S. Mint.

FRANK A. LEVY and **A. J. LEWIS, JR.**—Alpha Omicron—are in the employ of the Morgan Railroad Company at New Orleans, La.

BAYARD S. GRAY—Xi, '76—graduated from the Chicago College of Law in June, and has opened a law office and real estate agency in rooms 726 to 730, 225 Dearborn St., Chicago.

WM. M. KNOX—Omega, '79—has resigned his position on the New York *Herald*, London, England, and has returned to Chicago to pursue his profession.

SAM HENDERSON, JR.—Alpha Omicron, '88—is practicing law in New Orleans, La.

SAWYER HAYWARD, JR.—Alpha Omicron, '90—is in the employ of the Texas Pacific Railroad Company at New Orleans, La.

FRED TOWNSEND—Theta Theta, '88—has removed his family from El Paso, Texas, to Albia, Iowa, where he will continue the practice of law.

REV. HOWARD FISHER—Chi, '86—is now studying the language at Rawal Pindi, India, preparatory to engaging in missionary work in that country.

E. R. JOHNSON—Alpha Lambda, '88—has completed his second year as Principal of the Boscobel, Wis., High School. Next year he will enter Johns Hopkins University for the purpose of taking a post graduate course in history.

EDGAR C. TRUE—Alpha Kappa, '85—is Superintendent of Schools for Columbia County, and resides at Portage, Wis.

FRED C. KOONS—Chi, '87—who is Contracting Agent for Western Tennessee and Kentucky of the Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Company at Chattanooga, is now known in domestic life as "Papa Koons." The boy will be named for Joseph R. Voris—Chi, '87.

JAMES TODD—Chi, '87—graduated from the Chicago College of Law in June, after a two years' course. His many friends wish and predict for him great success in the practice of his chosen profession.

LEWIS A. BAUMAN—Alpha Lambda, '86—is a Pharmacist at Oshkosh, Wis.

EDWARD O. ZWIETUSCH—Alpha Lambda, '86—is still in Germany in the interest of the Western Electric Company.

OWEN M. SHREVE—Kappa, '84—has resigned his position as Chemist of the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and commenced the manufacture of chairs at Union City, Pa.

RALPH M. STRAWBRIDGE—Kappa, '85—has left the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Philadelphia, and entered that of the Western Electric Company, New York City.

CHARLES H. HAYES—Kappa, '84—who graduated with credit at the U. S. Naval Academy in 1884, and who had been in the lumber business at Winona, Minn., since 1886, entered the Engineering Corps of the U. S. Navy Department this year.

JAMES L. MERRIMAN—Kappa, '87—has been in South America for some time in the interest of the Marr Construction Company, of which Hon. Frank S. Marr—Kappa, '71—is President.

U. CECIL MALLON—Rho, '89—is Superintendent of the Delaware County Land Improvement Company, with headquarters at Muncie, Ind.

DR. M. C. BRAGDON—Omega, '70—has headed the Omega Chapter House Subscription list with a pledge of \$500.

REV. THOMAS M. SHANAFELT—Kappa, '61, and DAVID P. LEAS—Kappa, '63—attended the Baptist Convention held in Chicago this spring. Bro. Shanafelt is Superintendent of Missions for South Dakota, and resides at Huron. Bro. Leas is a wholesale leather merchant in Philadelphia, and was re-elected a Director of the American Baptist Publication Society at the Convention.

Northwestern University honored Sigma Chi, at the recent Commencement, by electing DR. NATHAN S. DAVIS, JR.—Omega, '80—a Trustee of the University, and by conferring the degree of Master of Arts on Giles Hubbard and Ruter W. Springer—Omega, '87. Sigma Chi is represented on the Board of Trustees also by Judge Lorin C. Collins—Omega, '72.

JOSEPH C. BLOODGOOD—Alpha Lambda, '88—finished this his second year in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, with an average in all studies, except one, of 100 per cent. His article on "The Record Book of a Fraternity Chapter," in this issue of the *QUARTERLY*, evinces the thoroughness with which he accomplishes whatever he is interested in.

THE JACKSON (Miss.) *Commonwealth* says concerning an alumnus of Eta, class of 1874, who has been nominated as a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention :

HON. FRANK A. McLAIN, nominated for floater for Pike and Amite, is regarded as one of the ablest and best district attorneys in the state. He represented Amite in the legislature of 1883.

E. E. BROUGH—Eta, '90—has been styled by the Oxford (Miss.) *Globe*, the "Grady of Mississippi." His election as Alumni Orator of the University of Mississippi the very year of his graduation is certainly an unusual honor.

GEORGE H. MURDOCH, JR.—Theta Theta, '88—visited Chicago recently on legal business. He is a member of the firm of Howell, Carr & Murdoch, Berrien Springs, Mich.

REV. WALLACE RADCLIFFE, D.D.—Iota, '62—pastor of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, delivered the annual address at the Commencement of the Michigan Female Seminary, Kalamazoo, Mich. His subject was "Emphasis."

At the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church, held in Denver, early in June, Rev. J. C. S. Weills—Original Nu, '54—was made an Honorary Canon of St. John's Cathedral, and was also elected Register of the Diocese. He is to be assisted in his work in Colorado City and Manitou Springs, Colo., by Mr. F. S. Spaulding, son of Bishop Spaulding, of Denver.

DAVID M. MONTGOMERY—Original Pi, '61—is a merchant at Pleasant Ridge, Ala.

THE Illinois State Republican Convention, held at Springfield, Ill., June 24, 1890, elected CLARENCE R. PAUL—Omega, '72—a member of the State Central Committee from the Thirteenth District. Mr. Paul is the Editor of the *State Journal* at Springfield.

DR. JOHN KING SCUDDER—Zeta Psi, '86—was favored with the degree of Master of Arts by the University of Cincinnati, June 17, 1890.

H. N. KELSEY—Rho, '87—has severed his connection with the London Assurance Corporation, and is now Special Agent of the United States Branch of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, of England. His address is 177 La Salle Street, Chicago.

AT the Legislative Reunion, held at Lansing, Mich., June 11, 1890, EX-GOVERNOR ALPHEUS FELCH—Theta Theta, '78—presided. Says an exchange:

Ex-Gov. Felch is 85 years old. He has held nearly every office that the State can give, and to-day he takes as deep an interest in politics and business as he did when a member of Michigan's first Legislature, of which he is the sole survivor. His brief talk in calling the reunion to order, was full of common sense and mixed with not a little pathos.

ARTHUR T. WELLES—Kappa, '87—is now foreman of the Cable Department of the Western Electric Company, New York City.

REV. JOHN F. GOUCHER, D.D.—Omicron, '68—pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Baltimore, Md., has accepted the presidency of the Woman's College of Baltimore.

JOHN H. WIGGAM—Chi, '85—is spending the summer at Petoskey, Mich., where his family, now numbering a wife and two daughters, will join that of his father-in-law, Judge John G. Berkshire, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

FRED F. NORCROSS—Alpha Zeta, '87—has just graduated from the Law Department of Harvard University. He has the best wishes of many Sigma Chis for a successful professional life.

B. F. McCANN—Mu, '86—recently passed his examination for admission to the bar, and ranked first in a class of over sixty. He attended the Commencement exercises of Denison University, and after the college dinner responded to the toast, "Denison's Alumni at the Bar."

A. A. THRESHER—Mu, '91—will spend the summer in a vacation tour in Europe. He will be accompanied by B. F. McCann, Mu, '86.

G. A. DORSEY—Mu, '88—graduated in the class of '90 from Harvard University. He will continue his course for the degree of Ph. D.

HOWARD S. RODGERS—Zeta Psi, '89—is home from Princeton College, where he is taking the new course in Electrical Engineering.

J. D. HAMMEL—Zeta Psi, '90—is home from Heidelberg University, Germany, which he has attended for the last two years, and is practicing law in Cincinnati.

C. T. COPPOCK—Zeta Psi, '90—will take a post-graduate course at the University of Cincinnati.

A. I. CARSON—Zeta Psi, '87—is an Interne at the Cincinnati Hospital.

THOMAS J. CREAGHEAD—Zeta Psi, '89—is now with Fraser & Chalmers, manufacturers of mining machinery, 135 Fulton St., Chicago; Willis Shaw—Tau, '81—is with the same firm.

LEGH R. MYERS—Theta, '72—with his wife, visited friends at Gettysburgh, Pa., May 10, 1890. Bro. Myers has made a special study of battle fields, and devoted some of his time to the study of the site of the Battle of Gettysburgh.

REV. W. C. SCHAEFFER—Theta, '63—of Newberry, S. C., visited Pennsylvania College, his alma mater, last May, for the first time in twenty years. He was elected Alternate Alumni Orator for next year.

REV. J. A. WIRT—Theta, '74—preached the sermon to the graduating class at Lutherville Seminary, June 1, 1890. He has begun the publication of a parish paper, the first issue of which promises well for its permanent existence. Bro. Wirt has also been elected one of the Trustees of Irving Female College.

O. ROMEO JOHNSON—Rho, '78—Vice-Consul General of the United States at London, England, attended the banquet given recently to Henry M. Stanley.

REV. DAVID C. WILSON—Original Nu, '60—visited Chicago this summer in the interest of Tarkio College, Mo., of which he is Financial Agent.

THE Madison, Ind., *Daily Courier* says of an alumnus of Xi, class of 1868 :

HON. THOMAS HANNA, of Greencastle, is mentioned for a prominent federal judicial position. He is highly recommended, and holds a high place in the esteem and respect of Indiana Republicans. His courageous and able action as Lieutenant-Governor evoked the admiration of Indiana Republicans, who would be pleased to see him favored by the Administration.

THE *Alabama Mirror*, of Selma, Ala., for June 18, 1890, contained this item concerning HOWARD R. WALKER—Sigma Sigma, '74 :

The Piedmont Foundry and Machine Company has been recently organized at Piedmont, with Daniel Monahan as President, and Mr. H. R. Walker, recently of this county, as Vice-President. Mr. Walker is an intelligent, progressive and enterprising business man, and his many friends are glad to see that he is fully appreciated in his adopted city.

ARCHDEACON HENRY L. ZIEGENFUSS—Theta, '66—was honored by Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., at its last Commencement, with the degree of S.T.D. (Sacrae Theologiae Doctor).

AT a banquet given by the Alumni of Purdue University, in Chicago, recently, JOHN T. McCUTCHEON—Delta Delta, '89—responded to the toast, "Our Birthday," and GEORGE ADE—Delta Delta, '87—responded to "The Alumni." Bro. Ade is now a resident of Chicago, being engaged, as is Bro. McCutcheon, on the staff of the *Daily News*.

REV. CHARLES R. TROWBRIDGE—Theta, '82—was re-elected Alumni Editor of the *Pennsylvania College Monthly* at Commencement.

REV. T. C. BILLHEIMER, D.D.—Theta, '65—after receiving a hearty welcome home from his congregation, at Reading, Pa., on his return from Europe, went to Gettysburg, Pa., June 3, and delivered the Holman Lecture at the Theological Seminary. It has received the highest commendation from those who heard it, and will be published in the October *Lutheran Quarterly*.

M. W. JACOBS, Esq.—Theta, '67—has been elected Lecturer on International Law in the new Law Department of Dickinson College. This is a good choice, and nothing more than a just recognition of his excellent attainments.

JOHN B. McPHERSON—Theta, '88—who was office Editor of the *Star and Sentinel*, temporarily, at Gettysburg, Pa., now fills that position permanently, and with great satisfaction to the readers of the paper.

W. L. GLATFELTER—Theta, '86—who is a manufacturer at Spring Forge, Pa., visited Pennsylvania College, his alma mater, in June.

DR. WILLIAM R. CISNA—Omicron, '63—is a Surgeon on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, with headquarters in Chicago.

DR. ARTHUR L. HUMMEL—Theta, '80—is organizing a Professional League, composed of doctors, lawyers and dentists.

RICHARD M. PANCOAST—Upsilon, '78—who is civil engineer at Camden, N. J., has invented "The Pancoast Patent Car Ventilator Appliances and Vertical Ventilation System." He has issued an elaborate circular explaining the invention.

HON. CHARLES M. DAWSON—Theta, '69—who was Grand Consul of the last Grand Chapter, was nominated for Superior Court Judge at Fort Wayne, Ind., June 14, 1890. His many friends in the fraternity will rejoice at this recognition of his merit, and will read with interest the remarks he made after the nomination :

Gentlemen of the Convention—It is a violation of a rule that you passed a little while ago, that a man should be called on to make a speech, and I will not make any, but I will say to you, gentlemen of the convention, delegates of my party in this county, that you have this morning gratified to me an ambition which has been the aim of my life, and which I hope you will have no cause to regret; and I assure you that in all respects, as a man, as a democrat, or as an officer, I will remember this honor, and I will endeavor to the utmost to be worthy of this trust, and to discharge the duties of this high station with ability, and certainly with integrity. I thank you again, gentlemen, heartily for this culmination of my ambition. [Applause].

The New York Times of June 15, 1890, contains a long interview with **HON. CHAUNCEY B. RIPLEY**—Kappa, '64—on the subject of "Improved County Roads." The reporter prefaced the interview as follows :

Mr. Chauncey B. Ripley, through whose efforts the Telford system of county roads has been put into successful operation in New Jersey, said yesterday that all the roads of the Union County system would be completed this year. The League of the American Wheelmen has been putting the improved highways provided by Mr. Ripley and his associates to an exhaustive test, and at the annual convention of the league, held Decoration Day, the wheelmen unanimously extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Ripley for his valuable initiative work in this direction.

CLIPPING from the Los Angeles (Cal.) *Times* of May 14, 1890 :

The alumni members of the Sigma Chi College Fraternity met with the local chapter Tuesday evening at Ebinger's, and several hours were spent discussing the good things for the inner man and relating reminiscences of college days. Among those present were Milton Vernon, Alpha, Miami University, Ohio, 1856; N. P. Conrey, Xi, De Pauw University, Indiana, 1880; Orr Haralson, Pi, Howard College, Alabama, 1890; Williel Thompson, Chi, Hanover College, Indiana, 1871; Howell Rice, Tau, Roanoke College, Virginia, 1878; C. A. Miller, Beta, Wooster University, Ohio, 1883; W. S. Matthew, Omega, N. W. C. U., Illinois, 1877; George Sinsabaugh, Alpha Upsilon, University of Southern California, California, 1887; D. F. Wilson, Zeta Psi, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, 1889; Freeman G. Teed, Kappa, Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, 1878. Regrets were received from Charles Davis, Gamma, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1879; Rev. J. French, Tau, Roanoke College, 1877; William E. Wright, Xi, De Pauw University, 1878.

SAMUEL R. IRELAND—Theta Theta, '89—is in partnership with his father in the law business in the Ireland Building, Ashland, Ky. He is Secretary of the Ashland and Catlettsburg Street Railway Company and of the Real Estate Exchange, of the latter of which he is also Treasurer and Examiner of Titles. An exchange, in writing up Mr. Ireland's candidacy for City Attorney, gives a description that all of his friends will recognize :

Sam Ireland is Col. Kinkead's only competitor in being the center of postprandial conversational groups. Than the genial candidate for City Attorney, a better raconteur there never was, and he has the cleverest of dialects at his command. Almost any evening he may be found regaling his friends with the newest of anecdotes, and his fund seems inexhaustible. One of the nice things about Candidate Sam is that he never speaks of his race for office, but his bright mind and fine legal abilities do a vast deal of arguing his especial fitness for the position. The *Lounger* never heard him allude to it but once and that was very clever. Somebody put out a hand to greet him, and instead of taking it with his usual hearty grasp, he put both his own behind him with the explanation that he was going to break the political record—he was going to be a non-handshaking candidate. Most everybody seems to think, however, that he will have to change his resolution on the day after the election.

HARVEY KRELER—Mu, '80—is a successful lawyer of Cleveland, Ohio. He attended the Commencement of Denison University.

L. A. SMITH—Alpha Xi, '98—has gone to Elizabethtown, Ill., to take charge of a drug store.

JAS. D. BOWERSOCK—Alpha Xi, '91—sailed on the 9th inst. for Liverpool. He will stay in Europe about two months.

C. B. BOWKER—Rho, '69—is a member of one of the most prominent law firms of McPherson, Kas.

R. E. KROH—Alpha Xi, '89—is engaged as a bass singer by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Mo.

W. L. TAYLOR—Alpha Xi, '91—will spend a part of the summer in St. Joe, Mo., looking after his father's business in that place.

D. R. WILLIAMS—Alpha Zeta, '91—will spend the summer at Mackinac, and will be weekly correspondent for the Chicago *Tribune*.

J. L. SEXTON—Alpha Zeta, '92—will spend the summer in Europe with Profs. Pearson and Wright.

GEO. S. DODDS—Beta Beta, '76—is a candidate for Congress in the Seventh District of Mississippi.

J. C. KYLE—Nu, '74—is a candidate for Congress in the Second District of Mississippi.

JUDGE STEPHEN THRASHER—Lambda, '59—was a candidate before the last State Convention of Mississippi for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from the State at large.

CHAS. WOOD—Nu, '78—was a candidate for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Mississippi from the State at large.

HON. J. W. BUCHANAN—Eta, '60—was a candidate for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Rankin County, Miss.

J. M. JAYNE—Zeta, '70—was a candidate for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Washington County, Miss.

B. C. ADAMS—Eta, '68—is still Mayor of Grenada, Miss.

J. B. ULMAN—Eta, '88—is keeping books for his brother in the Ulman Woolen Mills at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

J. M. SHARP—Eta, '75—has purchased a half interest in that thriving institution, the Capital Commercial College at Jackson, Miss., and will take charge the 1st of July.

W. N. NASH—Eta, '68—and wife are taking a summer trip through the great Northwest.

EDGAR ENOCHS—Eta, '90—after a lingering illness of months, with malarial fever, is slowly recovering, at his brother's, in Jackson, Miss.

T. W. WHITE—Delta, '74—was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi caused by the death of his father.

CRAWFORD JACKSON—Eta, '84—is winning golden opinions in the North Georgia Conference as a brilliant young pulpit orator.

J. H. PRICK—Eta, '90—will practice law in Louisiana.

E. E. BROUGHER—Eta, '90—will practice law in Mississippi.

F. C. HOLMES—Eta, '90—has the Fellowship in Natural History in the University of Mississippi.

B. F. JONES—Eta, '90—will teach school in Amite County, Miss.

OSCAR W. KUHN—Zeta Psi, '86—has been elected a member of the Union High School Board of Cincinnati, Ohio.

EDMUND K. STALLO—Zeta Psi, '88—has been appointed a Director of the University of Cincinnati.

LEWIS W. HOFFMANN—Zeta Psi, '90—is a member of the reportorial staff of the Cincinnati Daily *Times-Star*.

THE *Journalist* says concerning Edgar L. Wakeman—Lambda, '73 :

Mr. Edgar L. Wakeman, author, journalist and traveler, who for the past five years has furnished the American press with some of the most charming feature-service articles printed, is certain to make his "Wakeman's Wanderings" papers really famous in the highest literature of foreign travel and observation. His work throughout is poetry in prose; and to read after him is to travel beside him and see and feel the splendor and sadness of old-world life in marvelous comprehensiveness. He wanders about on foot and alone, and paints with so true a hand that leading journals of the country begin to recognize that "the mantle of Bayard Taylor has fallen upon him." In August next he will leave the Mediterranean countries where he is now traveling and pass the remainder of the year in Scotland, contributing studies of Scottish life and people to his American syndicate, under the title of "Afoot in Scotland."

TEXAS honored Sigma Chi by appointing one of her alumni as one of its two World's Fair Commissioners. The National Commission honored the fraternity by making that commissioner Secretary. The *Chicago Tribune* said concerning him :

John Thilman Dickinson is the full name of the bright young man elected Secretary of the commission. He is a few weeks over 32 years of age, for he was born June 18, 1858. He is a bachelor. His father, John Dickinson, came from Scotland and began business in Houston, Tex., in 1840. The father married Elizabeth Thilman, the daughter of a Virginia family, and their son was born in Houston. The family of Mr. Dickinson has lived in Texas fifty-two years.

The Secretary of the Commission went to school in Houston first, and later in Leamington, England, and Dundee, Scotland. Returning to America he studied awhile in a college at Ashland, Va., and then entered the University of Virginia, where he graduated in law after a course of study under John B. Miner. He was then 31 years of age. He returned to Texas and secured his license to practice. After a year at the law he became part owner and editor of the Houston *Daily Telegram*, the only evening paper there. It was the successor of the old *Telegraph*, on which Minister to France, Whitelaw Reid, worked before the war.

In January, 1881, while visiting Austin, the Texas Capital, Mr. Dickinson was elected Secretary of the House of Representatives, and at the called session of 1882 he was made Secretary of the Texas State Capital Board, of which the Governor and other State officers were members. Under direction of this board the Capitol—the largest in America—was erected. While acting as Secretary of this board he was also Secretary of the State Penitentiary Board. He served under three Governors—O. M. Roberts, John Ireland and L. S. Ross. A year before the completion of the Capitol he planned a great international State military encampment and band contest, in which he brought together for the first time Gilmore's and the Mexican bands. This was a great success, and the San Antonio people who saw it liked it so much that they decided to get up an international exposition in which Mexico and Texas should compete. Mr. Dickinson was appointed Secretary and Manager of this.

When the World's Fair boom started he was in Chicago, and the committee sent him to Washington to work with the Representatives of the Southwestern States and with those of Virginia and West Virginia. His work was highly complimented by Gen. Stevenson and George R. Davis, who labored in his company, and it is a matter of record that the number of Congressmen reached by him and brought around to the support of Chicago was much greater than the number effected by any other agent. He was a candidate before the President for Commissioner-at-Large, and was backed by a petition signed by 120 Democratic Congressmen and twenty-five Republicans. The day after he filed his petition he received notice from the Governor of Texas that he had been appointed a State Commissioner. He accepted this and withdrew his papers. Mr. Dickinson is a tall, handsome young man, a ready talker, and a master of the details of a secretary's work.

C. LEON SMITH, Associate Editor of Xi, attended the Carnival of Mardigras at Ogden, Utah, early in July, and "was *delighted* to see that the Queen of the Carnival wore a beautiful Sigma Chi badge set entirely with diamonds." Her name is Miss Minerva Anderson, but who can guess the name of the owner of the badge?

G. L. MARBLE—Gamma, '82—is President of the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company, at Van Wert, O.

H. C. CAMP—Gamma, '70—is a dealer in school and college text-books, at 724 Broadway, New York City. He is the Musical and Art Critic of the *Christian Advocate*, New York, and a personal friend of our official jeweler, Mr. J. F. Newman.

DANIEL F. WILSON—Zeta Psi, '92—was in Washington State when last heard from.

HARRY E. WARRINGTON—Zeta Psi, '90—has been appointed to a position in the Engineering Department of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company at Cincinnati.

The Southern Lodge Secret, published in Atlanta, Ga., said, in its issue of July 12, 1890, concerning Hamilton Douglas, Esq.—Beta, '68:

We take great pleasure in introducing to our readers this week Mr. Hamilton Douglas. Scant three years have passed since Mr. Douglas first pitched his tent in Atlanta and exclaimed (though in Georgia) Alabama! It seems but yesterday since the intellectual face of Mr. Douglas first burst upon the view of Atlantians, and well do I remember how I was impressed with the first speech I heard him make in court, clearly indicative of a well balanced brain, and a highly educated mind. Thirty-two years ago Hamilton Douglas was born in the city of Washington, D. C. But he was not yet out of his swaddling clothes when his parents removed to the state of Virginia. Hence Mr. Douglas rightly claims Virginia as his native state. Mr. Douglas, like many thousands of others in the South at the close of the war, found himself the son of poor parents who had nothing of wealth save a recollection. But young Douglas was not to be kept down by a mere matter of dollars and cents. Determined to have an education he set bravely to work to accomplish the end, and made everything auxiliary to his purpose. Mr. Douglas' education cost him over six thousand dollars, every cent of which he made himself; to add that he is a self-made man would be superfluous. When Mr. Douglas chose the law as his profession he entered the famous law school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he graduated with honors and is an LL.B. of that institution. Mr. Douglas relates with great pride his career as superintendent of schools at Mechanicsville, Ia. When he came to Atlanta three years ago he had nothing but a large stock of pluck and determination as capital to open business on. How well he has succeeded in his struggle for supremacy may be seen in the large and lucrative practice of Haygood & Douglas, attorneys. Mr. Douglas' success is only another argument in favor of Atlanta being one of the best cities in the United States for any young man to get along in who has "grit" in him.

As stated before, Mr. Douglas is a Virginian and is very proud of his native State, and was prominent in the organization of the Virginia Society in this city. In this connection we desire to state that Mr. Douglas is a great believer in secret fraternal organizations. He is a member of Georgia Lodge of Masons, Capitol Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, and to Capitol City Lodge of Knights of Pythias. This last order desired to win the most ardent love of Mr. Douglas, for to it he has given his best work and closest attention. Having gone through the chairs of a subordinate lodge, he is now in line of promotion in the Grand Lodge, and is Deputy Grand Chancellor of this District. Many and many are the Knights in the South who can recall with pleasure the eloquent speeches made in the lodge room by Bro. Douglas. His word-painting is of a distinct and peculiar style entirely his own. Spell-bound the listener sits, scarcely remembering to applaud until the speaker is through. How gloriously can he set forth the duty of a knight, and how deeply can he touch the heart when sorrow bows the head. When that valiant and well-known Knight, Adolph Brandt, met his tragic end, and sorrow at his demise was not alone in the hearts of those who loved him as a brother, but all Atlanta as well, Bro. Douglas wrote a touching tribute to his memory. Unknown to Mr. Douglas it was handed to me the other day by a friend. As it has never been in print, and as its beautiful language will convey to the reader a better insight into the man's intellect and sterling worth than any weak words that I might write, we herewith submit it, pausing only to say that the *Secret* is glad to be the channel of making the citizens of Atlanta and Georgia and the South acquainted with such brave, nerry men, who are

not afraid to work, and who are willing to carve their way to the high honors to which they aspire. The *Secret* wishes Bro. Douglas unbounded success in all of his undertakings.

Marriages.

The *State Journal* of Topeka, Kas., for June 23, 1890, says concerning CLARENCE W. DOUGLASS—Beta, '79:

At the beautiful home of Mr. J. R. Silver, 1531 College avenue, Tuesday evening last, June 17, in the presence of a little company of relatives and friends, were wedded Miss Josie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silver, and Mr. C. W. Douglass, of the firm of Darling & Douglass. The marriage rites were pronounced by Rev. E. C. Ray, D.D., assisted by Rev. T. W. Harris, of Westminster Presbyterian Church. The wedding, though a quiet and unpretentious one, was most happily conducted. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass will be found "at home" to their many friends at No. 1270 Topeka avenue.

COLIN EDWARD KING—Rho, '81—was married to Mrs. Martha Stuart Wemple, in New York city, June 3, 1890. They are now at home at 37 Irving place, Passaic, N. J.

OSCAR O. WILKINSON—Mu, '90—was married to Miss Virginia Law at Ann Arbor, Mich., June 23, 1890. Bro. Wilkinson will enter the Columbia College Law School in the fall, and will be at home after July 15, at 1155 Chestnut St., Elizabeth, N. J.

J. L. BUTT—Theta, '84—was married June 12, 1890, to Miss Kittie H. Stahle, at Gettysburg, Pa. Mr. Butt has remodeled the Kurtz property on Carlisle St., Gettysburg, and is now residing there.

FRANK S. WINGER—Alpha Lambda, '89—was married Aug. 5, 1889. He is now in business with his father at Freeport, Ill.

The *Evening Telegraph*, of Dixon, Ill., contained this account (June 4, 1890) of the marriage of HON. WILLIAM B. STERLING—Alpha Lambda, '84:

For more than a week guests from the New England States and the far West, and from neighboring cities and towns, have been assembling in this city for the purpose of witnessing the marriage of Hon. William B. Sterling of Huron, South Dakota, and Miss Olive Snow Underwood, one of Dixon's brightest social stars and our commonwealth's most accomplished and beautiful young ladies. The happy event took place at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at high noon to-day. At the hour designated the edifice was thronged by citizens and stranger guests to see and hear the touchingly beautiful ceremony. Rev. John Wilkinson, of Galesburg, assisted by Rev. H. C. Granger, of this city, officiated. The friends who gathered at the church were ushered to seats by Messrs. William McBride, J. E. Thomas, Louis Dement, George J. Love, David Law, Jr., and Amos Bosworth. To the sweet strains of a wedding march, by Miss Hattie Stroup, the contracting parties, with Miss Grace Culver as bridesmaid and Fred Sterling, a brother of the groom, as bridegroom, walked with calm and dignified step to the altar, where their vows were plighted.

From the church the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Underwood, North Dixon, where a bountiful repast was provided. On account of a sad event in the family, not long since, only relatives of the two families were invited to the house. Those present from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nickerson, Mrs. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Underwood, Miss Grace Culver, Misses Helen and Florence Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kelley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Magill, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Robbins, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Underwood and daughter, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Miss Mary G. Underwood, of Harwick, Massachusetts; Mr. Chester Snow, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Underwood, Mr. Sidney Underwood, Jr., and Miss Leith Leuce, of Hyde Park, Chicago; Fred Sterling, Rockford; and George J. Love, Huron, South Dakota.

A special car was attached to the Clinton passenger this afternoon to bear the wedding party to Chicago. From there the handsome, happy young couple will journey to New York, Boston, Washington and other eastern cities; take in the watering places of Newport, Long Branch, etc. In a few weeks they will reach Huron, South Dakota, their future home, where the groom has furnished a handsome residence. Hon. W. B. Sterling is a Dixon boy to the manner born, and his many friends here are proud of the fact that though little more than of age, he has reached a busi-

ness and professional position seldom attained after years and even a lifetime of hard struggle. Mr. Sterling was recently appointed United States District Attorney for South Dakota, and is a leading lawyer of that State. The bride, Miss Underwood, has been known, admired and loved here from childhood; and, although her many friends part with her regretfully, they are assured that many ties that bind her to Dixon are unbroken. We wish them much joy and happiness.

Obituary.

AN exchange of Washington, Pa., conveys the intelligence of the death of Dr. A. S. McELREE, Original Nu, '64:

Dr. A. S. McElree died at Thompson's Boarding House, on South Main Street, on Thursday, June 5, 1890, at 8.30 P. M., after a short illness. Alexander Sweeney McElree was born in Franklin township, two miles south of Washington, about 1840. He studied medicine under Dr. Enoch, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. Dr. McElree began the practice of medicine in Washington about twenty-eight years ago, and was located here until his death. He was regarded as an able physician, but during the last few years had almost given up practice on account of declining health. He was never married. The funeral takes place from the residence of his brother, on East Maiden Street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

CHARLES H. ISAACS—Gamma, '72—died in New York City, April 28, 1890.

THE friends of Professor GEORGE R. TWISS—Alpha Gamma, '85—will sympathize with him in the death of his wife, which was mentioned as follows in the Youngstown, O., *Telegram*, April 18, 1890:

Mrs. Helen Gladden Twiss, wife of Prof. George R. Twiss, one of the teachers in the Rayen school, died at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, No. 125 Spring Street. Mrs. Twiss had been ill with typhoid fever about a month. Her recovery was considered doubtful for several days previous to her death, which was directly due to an internal hemorrhage. The skill of physicians nor the anxious care of friends could not avert the sorrowful end. The deceased was 24 years old. She was the daughter of Rev. Washington Gladden, D.D., pastor of the First Congregational Church at Columbus, and one of the leading divines of the country, besides being a famous platform orator and an able writer for the magazines. Mrs. Gladden had been at her daughter's bedside for two weeks. The doctor arrived Thursday night. Mrs. Twiss was educated in the schools of Springfield, Mass., and Columbus this State, and at the Painesville Female Seminary. She was highly accomplished in many ways, and possessed a sweet disposition, winning the respect and admiration of all with whom she became acquainted. She was married to Mr. Twiss under the parental roof by her father only three years ago, and was most happy with her husband here. He is completely overcome with grief in his sad affliction, which also leaves a bright little one-year-old girl motherless. A brief prayer service was held at the residence at nine o'clock last night. To-day the remains will be taken via the Nypano to Columbus, where funeral services will be held, probably on Tuesday.

WILLIAM A. HARPER—Psi, '84—has suffered a severe bereavement, as is evidenced by the following clipping from a New York newspaper:

Mrs. Kate Harper, wife of William A. Harper of the firm of Harper & Co., book publishers, and daughter of Col. Beecher, son of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died suddenly May 2, 1890, from a rupture of the heart. While recovering from the effects of chloroform in a dentist's chair she became nauseated, and a spasm is supposed to have caused the rupture of a blood vessel.

The *Vevay* (Ind.) *Reveille* thus speaks of the sudden death of MARTIN A. BARNETT, Esq., Xi, '71:

Last Thursday at noon Alfred Shaw received a telephone message from Madison that M. A. Barnett, his son-in-law, was dead. The sad and shocking news spread rapidly throughout the city, arousing the deepest sympathy for his family, who reside here.

Mr. Barnett left Vevay in the morning, intending to go to Edinburg, Ind., to meet the school trustees of that town, who desired to employ him as superintendent of schools of Edinburg. Upon reaching Madison he went to the Broadway Hotel, and at noon ate dinner. He was apparently feeling better than usual, and conversed cheerfully with the mail agent, with whom he was acquainted. Immediately after completing his dinner he walked to the front door, and, while looking up street, sud-

denly fell to the floor insensible. He never spoke a word. The hotel proprietor sent for Doctors Forshoe, Ford and Davidson, who were present within three minutes, but they found Mr. Barnett already dead. Dr. J. A. Murrett, County Coroner, was also sent for, who said the death of Mr. Barnett was caused by apoplexy. In accordance with a telephone from Alfred Shaw, Vevay, George C. Vail took charge of the remains. Mr. Barnett, being a member of Madison Lodge Knights of Pythias, George J. Wood, on behalf of the lodge, appeared to render any assistance possible. He was also a member of the "Madison Press Club." The remains were brought to Vevay on the evening packet, George Bartron, representing the Madison Press Club, accompanying the body, which was taken to the residence of Alfred Shaw, the home of the family.

Martin A. Barnett was a native of Danville, Ind. He was born April 21, 1845, and died June 5, 1890, aged 45 years, one month and two weeks. He graduated, classical course, at Asbury University, in 1871. He chose teaching as his profession. For eight years he was Superintendent of Public Schools—one year in Vevay, three in Attica, and four in Elkhart. He then purchased the Danville *Democrat*, which he published about two years, when he sold it and purchased the Madison *Herald*. While editing and publishing that paper in 1885 he was appointed Postmaster at Madison. He was not a strong man physically, and coupled with cares of postoffice and newspaper came litigation, growing out of business transactions in connection with the old "*Herald* Company." The best people in Madison regarded him as a good man, strictly honest and honorable in all things. As Postmaster he served the people of Madison faithfully, and left a good business record. He was a versatile, smooth, concise writer, and an honorable, fair newspaper man.

He was a confiding, unsuspecting man—sincerely desiring to do right himself he believed in the sincerity and honor of others. Probably this caused him disappointment and mental trouble, contributing toward breaking down his naturally delicate constitution. Seeking rest to recuperate physically, he came to Vevay with his family last fall. For several weeks he had been improving, and when we met him the day before he died, he seemed much better and more cheerful than usual.

Mr. Barnett joined the M. E. Church when 18 years of age, and remained an active and consistent member until his death—he then being a member of Trinity Church, Madison. He took an active interest in Sunday School work. His whole life was pure. A man of bright intellect, thoroughly and carefully cultivated—and what was better, he was by instinct a gentleman. While frank and positive in expressing his opinions, he was kind, considerate, and never in the least offensive. All who came in contact with him, could not fail to be impressed with his sincerity and purity of purpose. Industrious he labored when worn out physically, patiently he met unusual vexations, and meekly he bore the burdens of his always busy, and for at least five years stormy and eventful life. But now he has at last found sweet rest.

In 1873 Mr. Barnett married Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shaw. The union was a very happy one. Three sons and two daughters blessed the happy home. Now the wife and children mourn the loss of husband and father. They have the heartfelt sympathy of their numerous friends.

Funeral services were held at the residence of Alfred Shaw last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. C. L. Bovard, Pastor of the M. E. Church, made remarks appropriate to the sad occasion. He was well acquainted with Mr. Barnett, he being a regular attendant at all the services of the church, and he attested his Christian conduct and sincere piety. He also paid a tribute to him as a citizen. Among those from a distance were L. A. and John T. Barnett and Mrs. Thompson, brothers and sister to Mr. Barnett, Danville; Will M. Shaw, North Bend, O., A. B. Shaw, Cincinnati, and John Shaw, Lawrenceburg. Among the many floral tributes was a pillow of flowers sent by ladies of Trinity M. E. Church, Madison. Vevay Lodge Knights of Pythias, attended the funeral in a body. The pall bearers were: Wm. R. Protsman, C. O. Thiebaud, Dr. J. H. Shaddy, George S. Pleasants, J. A. VanOsdol, Joseph Walton. The remains were interred in Vevay Cemetery.

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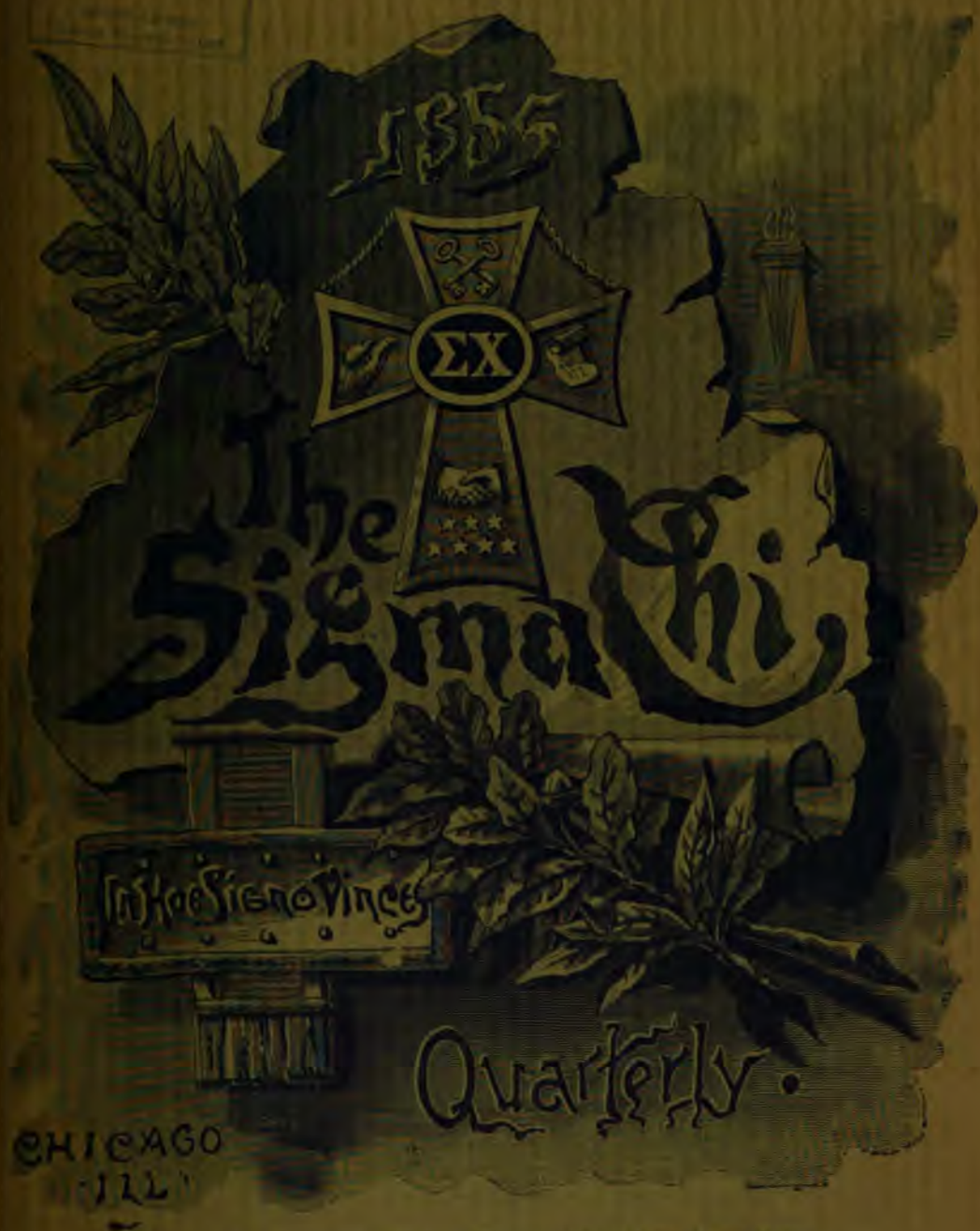
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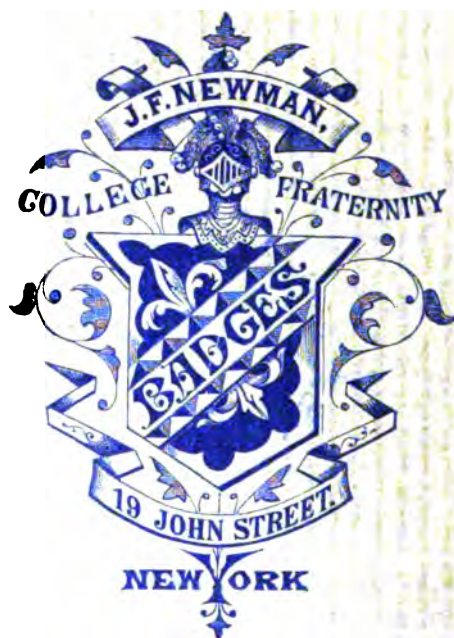
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